

**Franklin Township Open Space Advisory Committee Minutes  
June 17, 2008**

- 1. Call to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision.** At 7:35 a quorum was present and Chairman Jones called the meeting to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law.
- 2. Introductions/roll call.** Present were members Battin, Triggs, Moon, Jones, Connell, Connolly and Schmidt. Also present was Consultant Loos. Arriving later was Orsini.
- 3. Financial Report.** Loos reported that there is \$18,399,161.97 in the OSTF. Triggs moved and Connell seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of the May 20, 2008 OSAC minutes.** Two corrections to the draft minutes were suggested and a motion to approve the minutes with the discussed changes was approved.
- 5. Opening of the meeting to the public.** A motion was passed to open the meeting to the public. No member of the public wanted to speak, so a motion to close the meeting to the public passed.
- 6. Consultant's report.** The committee reviewed the consultant's report.
- 7. Discussion of the issue of ATVs on open space.**  
The committee began a discussion of this matter, but suggested that the Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) develop a proposed policy and then have it reviewed by the OSAC and the Environmental Commission. Jack Connolly and Pat Leonard, both were present and both are on the TAC and they will so advise the TAC.
- 8. Preparation of a recommendation for an FY 2009 open space budget.** After some discussion, Orsini moved to approve and Connell seconded a motion to approve the attached budget. Motion carried.
- 9. Discussion of having a General Motors/Hummer event on open space.** Loos advised the committee that the Township was planning to have an event on open space such that vehicles would utilize the land for two days and then restore and make improvements to the land in accordance with township specifications. The committee did not like this concept and after some discussion, Orsini moved and Triggs seconded the following motion: That the OSAC does not approve the use of any open space for the use of vehicles associated with this event. Motion carried. After the motion carried, Orsini suggested that the township contact the Canal Walk developer and see if the land where Canal Walk II will be constructed could be utilized. This is located on Schoolhouse Lane next to the House Foods factory. Loos was asked to pass this along to township management.
- 10. Scott property.** Loos suggested that a subcommittee be formed to meet with him and develop recommendations for a site plan for this property. Connolly, Orsini and Connell volunteered to serve on the committee. Loos will coordinate a meeting on site.
- 11. Summer meetings of OSAC.** Orsini moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to authorize the Chairman to cancel the July and August meetings if they are not needed. Motion carried.
- 12. Second Opening of the meeting to the public.** A motion was passed to open the meeting to the public. No member of the public wanted to speak, so a motion to close the meeting to the public passed.
- 13. Adjournment.** At 9:25 PM the OSAC adjourned, upon a motion by Connolly, seconded by Battin, which carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Loos

Secretary/Consultant

OSAC recommendation for FY 09 open space budget

Acct #	Item	Examples	FY 08 budgeted amount	Spent and/or encumbered through mid-June 08	Amount over or under FY 08 budget	OSAC recommendation for FY 09	Increase or decrease from previous year
011	salaries-full time		\$0.00	\$2,382.46	\$2,382.46	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
012	salaries-part time		\$10,000.00	\$9,291.06	-\$708.94	\$10,500.00	\$500.00
014	salaries-ot		\$5,000.00	\$3,014.54	-\$1,985.46	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
023	printing	hunting signs, kiosk literature	\$3,000.00	\$2,978.09	-\$21.91	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
026	equipment		\$1,000.00	\$7,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
027	legal		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
028	professional contracts	loos, njas, surveys, appraisals,	\$140,000.00	\$108,083.74	-\$31,916.26	\$110,000.00	-\$30,000.00
029	contractual services	gis, \$140,000 historic grant, seeding, interpretive signs	\$84,000.00	\$94,444.23	\$10,444.23	\$160,000.00	\$76,000.00
036	office supplies		\$100.00	\$20.92	-\$79.08	\$100.00	\$0.00
038	hardware and minor tools		\$3,500.00	\$3,462.70	-\$37.30	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
050	work equipment		\$0.00	\$765.50	\$765.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
058	other equip. or supplies	stone, fence, signs	\$5,000.00	\$3,279.50	-\$1,720.50	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
103	bond principal		\$2,300,000.00	\$2,300,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,300,000.00	\$0.00
104	bond interest		\$1,859,000.00	\$1,236,865.01	-\$622,134.99	1,147,000.00	-\$712,000.00
105	capt'l improvements		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	-\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
020	other expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total:	\$4,416,600.00	\$3,771,937.75	-\$644,662.25	\$3,786,100.00	-\$630,500.00
		Projected Open Space Tax Levy:	\$4,430,167.85		Difference between tax levy and OSAC recommended budget:	-\$644,067.85	