

The Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Open Space Advisory Council scheduled for April 24, 2014 was called to order by Vice Chairman Pobega at approximately 8:00 p.m. with a Salute to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silent Prayer and a Reading of the Letter of Compliance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bucci, Mr. Pobega, Mrs. Eng, Mayor DiNardo

ABSENT: Mr. Pisano, Deputy Mayor Belasco, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Pekarsky, Mr. Tyler

Summary of Discussion Items:

- Approval of Previous Minutes- March 27, 2014

Offered by Mr. Bucci and seconded by Mr. Pobega

Yes- Mrs. Eng, Mr. Pobega, Mr. Bucci, Mayor DiNardo

Absent- Deputy Mayor Belasco, Mr. Pisano, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Pekarsky, Mr. Tyler

New Business:

2. Municipal Public Access Plan

Chairwoman Eng- There is a new grant that is available within the Department of Environmental Protection and it's an incentive for municipalities to develop a public access plan and if we wish to apply and go forward with requesting a proposal of the maximum of \$15,000 to develop this public access plan. The business administrator did say that if the Open Space could take care of that it would be a great idea.

Discussion

Chairwoman Eng- I want to read this paragraph so we have a better idea of what it is- the DEP's Division of Coastal and Land Use Planning will provide grant award of up to \$25,000 to communities to develop municipal public access plans and to prepare a coastal vulnerability assessment report. So we would go for the maximum of \$15,000. This municipal public access plan will consist of inventory of public access locations plus plans to develop or enhance access based on community state standards so every town would be different. Another benefit of having this plan is that if a developer come in sometime in the future they would have to put money aside to provide the public access.

3. Monmouth County Planning Board – Unique Areas Study (soon to be renamed Areas of Significant Environmental Quality [ASEQ]) and Natural Features Study

Chairwoman Eng- They will be doing a unique area study which will soon be renamed the Areas of Significant Environmental Quality and updating the Natural Feature Study. They will have their first meeting on May 1 for all the stake holders of all the communities in New Jersey and Monmouth County.

Discussion

Chairwoman Eng- Just to add to number 3 the update of the Unique Area Study and the update to the Natural Features Study is going to be part of the updating of the Master Plan for Monmouth County.

4. Marine Seismic Testing Off the Coast of New Jersey – copies of articles distributed

Updates:

5. **Point Comfort Marina- NJDEP OPRA**
Chairwoman Eng- OPRA got back to me and I gave the records department a call and they told me there are a lot of files there. First is hazardous waste enforcement has 1 page, the land use enforcement file has 100 pages plus plans, the land use files has 200-350 pages and 1-16 maps and maps, the NJPDES has a discharge permit that's 3 pages and site remediation has 6 pages for the LNA, 40 pages for USTC Registration file and another 30 pages file. They are holding the files for us to go review in Trenton. The next appointment date is May 19 or any day after that.

6. **Accounting of the Open Space Trust Fund**
Mr. Pobega- The balance that I've gotten from Tom is \$1,170,000. The only comment I'll make is some disbursements that have been taken out of the Open Space Trust Fund to use to pay for T&M to apply for Open Space grants. It's not a lot of money but the point is we should support this stuff. I'm asking that in the future we need to have better communication. There has been almost \$4,500 interest earned. You've got a \$188,000 to pay off the Pflieger bond and I'm not sure what's left of that and then the various attorney and engineer fees that total \$15,500 from 2011 on.
Discussion

7. **Pflieger- Green Acres reimbursement update**
Mayor DiNardo- We approved the expenditure of more money to do the final testing on it.

8. **Waackaack Creek Meadowlands- Motion for Summary Judgment update**
Mayor DiNardo- Summary judgment. I would say by the end of next month we should own the property hopefully.

9. **Mahoras Tract- NJDEP Brownfield's Division update**
Chairwoman Eng- I tried several times to get in contact with the division director's assistant but he seems to be always off. We are trying to get the box checked to get money to remediate the site. Jim, do you remember if we got a check from them for the part one preliminary assessment?
Mayor DiNardo- I know there was a letter was issued that the money was there for CME so it's just a matter of us going down there again and getting the ball rolling so as soon as we can get a date to let them come meet with us we can go down there and get it.

10. **Dallas Court- possible revisit with owner**
Mr. Pobega- The people who own Dallas Court came to the Township Committee meeting complaining about their roads being put in. We've been trying to reach out to the guy who does own it just to see if maybe we can say, we can give you your money back and possibly profit depending on appraisal.

11. **Recommendation to Township Committee to pass a Resolution supporting Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84 and Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 130 for the establishment of a long term dedicated source of state funding – copies of letter distributed.**
Mayor DiNardo- Give the resolution to Mary on Monday.

Mr. Pobega- I think instead of giving separate documents from Open Space and Environmental, we can get a letter from Chris supporting our letter. We are supporting the issue to keep the money that's for penalties where it was penalized, to remediate.

Mr. Pobega- One thing I wanted to bring up that's not on the agenda is the alternate #2.

Mayor DiNardo- Mary, can you up Audrey Tyler for alternate for the Open Space on for the 6th?

Mr. Pobega- We are basically one person short tonight from cancelling the meeting.

Chairwoman- I received a memo stating that the Township Committee will be recognizing the volunteers in town during their meeting Tuesday May 6.

Citizen Hearing:

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered _____ 2nd _____ Voice Vote _____

Next Meeting: May 22, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Trish Cullen
Administrative Officer**