

# Minutes of the Open Space Committee

October 26, 2009

Mayor Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**Present:** Mayor Steven Weinstein, Councilmember Ed Trawinski, Superintendent of Recreation Jim Graff, Michael Hakim, Crystal Robbins, Joan Goldstein, Ira Frankel, Jack Susser, Heather Blecher and Maureen Moriarty.

**Absent:** Acting Manager Joanne Kwasniewski, Benny Salerno, Wendy Dabney, Peter Kortright, Kurt Peluso and Ted King.

## **Minutes and Attendance:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

## **Updates:**

George Street –Borough Attorney Rosenberg will advise the Council as to when the closing will occur.

Naugle House – Mayor Weinstein stated that the “Naugle Kids” spoke at the presentation before the Bergen County Open Space Committee. Michael Hakim stated that the committee was very receptive, but has limited resources. The committee asked Mayor Weinstein if the property owner was a willing seller. The County Planning Director stated that the Borough should “go get that property.” It was very important for the “Naugle Kids” to be at the presentation. Chairman John DeRienzo, Mayor of Haworth asked the “Naugle Kids” to speak.

Felice Koplik called Michael Hakim and stated that the “Naugle Kids” wanted to write a thank you letter to Mayor DeRienzo. The Bergen County committee makes a recommendation, however the Bergen County Freeholders make the final decision.

The tone of the county presentation was very serious at the beginning of the presentation. Both Mayor Weinstein and Michael Hakim did a wonderful job at the presentation. Councilmember Trawinski stated that Michael Hakim is one of the best consultants for the Borough.

The Historic Preservation Seminar was great.

Fair Lawn Borough Attorney Rosenberg has been speaking with Ira Levine about the Naugle House.

Daly Field – The Borough went in front of the State Historic Preservation Office to get permission to condemn Daly Field. There were long presentations made by Don Morris, the President of the Radburn Association, the Radburn Association Planner, the Radburn Association Attorney Joel Schwartz from Landmark and Schmaowitz, Landmark’s Attorney. The Council of the State Historic Preservation Office was in favor of the Borough.

Felice and Larry Koplik are preservationist and scholars of Radburn. Dorothy Wong of Baldwin Hills Village in Los Angeles initiated the National Historic Landmark process for the Stein and

Wright historic planned communities. Felice and Larry Koplik have been assisting Ms. Wong in these efforts. Baldwin Hills Village (currently known as The Village Green) was the first Stein and Wright planned community to receive National Historic Landmark Status.

The State Historic Preservation Office supports the Borough with eminent domain for Daly Field. There will be another hearing to go over the plans. The Borough Historic Preservation Commission sent a letter to the DEP Commission, which supports the Council's Resolution. Daly Field and the Hayward Tract are in the National Historic Landmark registry.

Status of Lackland Properties – Mayor Weinstein spoke with the Borough Attorney and the Borough is tying up some loose ends.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.