

MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
December 9, 2009

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The December meeting of the Park Planning Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on December 9, 2009, at 8:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Weidner called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Kristen Hamilton acted as Secretary.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A 10:4-5) was provided on December 1, 2008, of this meeting's date, time, and place and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Weidner, Christine Parker, Joan Smith, Norma Swale, Kathy Wasson, Bill Schraudenbach and Beth Veghte attended.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 18, 2009, meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Kathy Wasson; seconded by Joan Smith; all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Easements – Tom Weidner provided a copy of a map showing the walkway easements in Shadow Oaks. It was suggested that signage could also be added at the end of Farmstead Way. Joan Smith provided a printout of the tentative marker – an outline of a hiker with a walking stick. A copy of the marker will be included in the letter to the Township Committee.

Memorial Book Guidelines – The Memorial Book Guidelines will be forwarded to the Township Committee. Norma Swale reiterated her concern that the cost of the plaque required for trees is cost prohibitive. Ms. Swale will try to get samples of other plaques which could be used.

Plaque in Memorial Park from the New Jersey Civil War History Assoc., Inc. – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation – Nothing to report.

Statuary – Joan Smith asked that this item be kept on the Agenda to discuss in January.

Letter to Township Committee – The Commission reviewed the draft letter to the Township Committee outlining projects that have taken place and making recommendations. Bill Schraudenbach opined that he would prefer to leave Unami Woods as natural as possible; there is already an existing trail which is clear enough to take a canoe to the Cranbury Brook. This

trail could possibly be cleaned up a bit. It is his feeling that this should not be made a Scout project. The Park Planning Commission Recommendations Spreadsheet will be updated to include the Cranbury Brook Preserve; however, Unami Woods will not be included and will be visited in the spring.

A motion was made by Christine Parker; seconded by Kathy Wasson; all in favor, to forward the letter to the Township Committee after the discussed revisions are made. The Secretary will finalize the letter and forward to the Commission for review prior to sending it to the Township Committee.

Update Member Contact Information – The Secretary will send an email asking Commission members to update their contact information.

DISCUSSION

Norma Swale updated the Commission on the New Jersey Turnpike Mitigation project, which will be presented to the Township Committee on December 21, 2009. After much discussion, a motion was made by Joan Smith; seconded by Beth Veghte; all in favor, for Ms. Swale to make a recommendation to the New Jersey Turnpike Mitigation Committee that six (6) Adler trees be planted along Brainerd Lake in Village Park and thirty (30) Viburnum type plants be planted along the fence in Village Park.

MEETING

The next meeting of the Park Planning Commission will be held on January 13, 2010, 8:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Motion by Tom Weidner; seconded by Joan Smith; all in favor.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Township of Cranbury Park Planning Commission and that this document, consisting of two pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on December 9, 2009.

Kristen H. Hamilton, Secretary