

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 21, 2012 MINUTES**

Salute to the flag.

Ms. Beck-Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Beck-Clemens [x] Cooper [x] Jacques [A] Franklin [x] Schaefer [x]  
Spingler [x] Stout [x] Tucker [x]

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The chair stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) is a committee by Ordinance.

Chairperson Beck-Clemens asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. That motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer and seconded by Mrs. Spingler. A voice vote was taken and this motion was unanimously passed.

**Old Business:**

Re-examination of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (the Plan) of 2006.

Mr. Charles Latini's, P.P., AICP Managing Partner of CWL Planning (formerly of Heyer & Gruel Staff Palmners) report on costs and scope of doing a re-examination of the Plan of 2006 was distributed and discussed. The Committee decided that the cost of over \$4,000 was too much. Mr. Franklin said that he would contact Tom Herits, borough engineer to update the open space inventory in town.

**New Business:**

1. Hard copies of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, made by Linda Monetti, were given to each member.

2. Using their copies of the Open Space and Recreation Plan the committee discussed the following:

**Background**

Planning Board is responsible for the Borough's Master Plan. This Plan is re-examined every 10 years. Part of the Master Plan is Open Space (page 13 of Master Plan).

Page 2: 109.88 acres total: break out, Watchung 67.13, Somerset County 6.82, DOT 1.63, Union County Par 3.83 and Board of Ed 30.47

Page 5: Definition and Criteria of Open Space      Open Space was created as part of the criteria for the NJDEP Green Acres Program for Open Space and Recreation Plan which is part of the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund.

Page 9: Requirements for matching funds and acquisition grants from NJDEP Green Acres Program

Page 16: Production of a pamphlet explaining the OSP.

Page 18: Current State Development & Redevelopment Plan

Page 23: SCORP NJ Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan 2003-2007 Every 5 yrs.? Due 2012?

Page 25:& 26 Somerset County Opens Space Partnership Grants (swimming & water sports, i.e. Brook Hill)

Page 29: Master Plan 1999 – recommendations parallel with Open Space

Page 32: List of all Public Open Space properties

Page 34: Existing Land Use Map

Page 35: List of all Private Open Space properties

Pages 99-100: Vacant Private parcels (51.47 acres) via street, owner and size.

\* Pages 76-79: Historic sites in town (map on page 79)

3. Copies of the Somerset County Priority Preservation/Protection Investment Areas in Somerset County were handed out. The committee discussed the County's' relationship with the Borough's Open Space Plan.

**Public Forum:**

There was no one from the public at this meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next meeting in September at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dianna Beck-Clemens