

OPEN SPACE PLANNING and OPERATING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 13, 2010

Present: Pam Meyers, Margaret Sabo, Allison Norvil, Bill Karn

Absent: Mike Costa, Kathy Kudla (excused)  
Mike Halper

Guest: Linsey Sowa, Judy Sowa, Bernie Kucharski

Meeting called to order 7:15 PM

Approval of Minutes: April 22, 2010

We did not tour site as planned due to weather. We met in the barn. Did not have a flag so recited pledge to open meeting. We did not have tables or chairs in the barn it was very difficult to control the discussion since everyone was standing around an equipment trailer. This was a very informal meeting with all participating in the discussions.

We discussed the reports as listed on the agenda:

- a) Town boards response to the roof repairs. We all felt this is a high priority Item. It was suggested we should write a short history of the open space, Trantina project, requirement for the grants and the future goal so all members of the board will have a better understanding of the program. Pam, Margaret and Bill will research the files and give Linsey Sowa an outline.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that we should continue to pursue the roof repairs with the Town Board at the next meeting.

It was mentioned the rent from the ranch house would pay for the roof.

- b) Bill reported the temporary card board name plates for the recognition plaque were done but need to be cut out and mounted. It will be complete for the earth day/arboret day celebration.
- c) Pam sent a letter to the individual who requested to use Trantina for star gazing. Pam explained the farm closes at dusk and we have no night time staff and it would be difficult to turn the lights on and off plus the police would find it difficult for security. She suggested it would be better if he can arrange his schedule to suit the star gazing events
- d) Gave all the members a copy of the letter from Chris Plencher regarding his proposed web site

**Discussion Items:**

- a) Kathy Kudla said that Cynthia Radja would make a video disc and have a player for the Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Bill has given Cynthia a disc with photos with all open space property and Gary Wards barn disc which she can select to show.  
Bill has all the material for the displays and needs to assemble them.
- b) Pam discussed the letter from the prairie maintenance company and it was decided we would invite them to a meeting to explain the need, cost and procedure of the controlled burn.
- c) Briefly discussed the need to continue looking for grant money to complete some of the projects at the farm. Bill will look at the OSLD web site to see if they have any new grants available.

Bill Presented a list of various dog park surface materials and problems with each from the internet.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM

Minutes Approved by the OSPO Committee  
November 17, 2010

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Bill Karn Chairman