

Vision Committee Meeting

2/5/15, 5:30pm – 6:37pm

Members Present: Neil Henry, Peter O'Neill, Cornel Schuler, Bruce Meringolo, Jerry Aroneo, Lisa Scanlon

Minutes:

The new LOI for the Kurz property has been done and submitted to the DEP. We have not heard back yet.

The committee decided to elect officers for the Vision Committee. Jerry Aroneo was selected as Chairperson; Peter O'Neill was selected as Vice Chairperson; and Lisa Scanlon as Secretary.

It was agreed we need to have as much public input as possible in decisions for the development of the land. We need to identify potential stakeholders and get them involved. Our committees need to be involved: Shade Tree, Open Space, Recreation Adv. Comm, etc.

The Committee discussed whether or not our discussions should include discussions about additional properties owned by the township and not developed: Laura Drive, and the Eberle properties. Peter O'Neill objected to this especially with the Laura Drive property feeling that that property should be given back to the Recreation Adv. Comm. to decide what should be done with the property.

Jerry Aroneo brought up the Morris County Trails Grant Program. He mentioned that the Open Space Committee just discussed this at its meeting 2/2. There is some concern that the monies available from this grant program may be awarded in amounts not significant enough (current understanding that grant amounts being entertained are approximately \$25k) to accomplish what needs to be done. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that TC members may want to make a concerted effort to talk to our county representatives so that this committee will consider larger projects and larger grant awards.

Committee discussions ensued about possible development opportunities and what types of amenities we would like to see on the property. All agreed a full size soccer field needs to be on the plan. Other priorities/considerations: walking trails with a goal of connecting this property to the Railroad Ave property, sand volleyball courts, area for ice skating, amphitheater. It was noted there are many

possibilities, but we need to begin surveying the public and our committees—Assume we have 100 acres to develop, and prioritize what they want there.

Neil Henry to forward copy of his memo to members of Vision Committee summarizing our meeting with the DEP on 6/24/14.

The next appeal hearing on the Kurz property is scheduled for 3/23/15.

The Committee has decided we will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be 3/5.