

# **BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES, OCTOBER 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Chairman Ray Bonker, Bill Schilling, Daven Baez, Caryn Segal, Andy Kimm, Joe Sabatini, Scott Olson, and secretary Margaret McGarrity.

*First closed session: 7:33 p.m. See separate minutes.*

Public session: 8:08.

### **Business:**

Update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan: There will be a public meeting on this document at the October 21 Planning Board meeting. The Recreation Committee meets on October 20 and will prepare comments; the Environmental Commission meets on October 26 and will also prepare comments or Commission members can attend the October 21 public meeting.

Joe recommended that the Land Conservancy of NJ, who are preparing the update, keep a table of changes and why they were made and put a new version number on each new draft.

Should the Planning Board engineer review the final document? Paul Gleitz, consulting planner, will review it as part of the Master Plan re-examination.

The Open Space Committee made several recommendations (detailed in the attached document), including removing any mention of a public pool and an indoor recreation facility, as these are outside the scope of this document and would be very costly for Township taxpayers. As major capital expenditures, these should be examined through another process. Ray stated that the main function of this plan is to meet NJDEP Green Acres requirements for GA funding.

Bill, as Recreation Committee liaison, suggested that the indoor facility should be kept as a goal that may appear more do-able a few years in the future. Other Committee members said that this is too large an expense for a town the size of Byram and that there is a good amount of public and private recreation space already available, which should be better used for our recreation programs. The Township and schools should partner to help resolve these issues.

There was a general discussion. Should this plan be more accurately called the Open Space and *Outdoor* Recreation Plan? If a full recreation plan and capital plan are not included in this document, where should they go?

Next meeting: December 13, including discussion of the remaining October agenda items.

**Adjourn:** 10:30 p.m.

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*Sandy Urgo could not attend. Her report is attached.*