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Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program

POSAC Meeting Notes of March 16th, 2015 - DRAFT

The POSAC convened on Monday March 16th, 2015, at the Route 12 Hunterdon County Complex, Flemington, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Steeves.

No quorum was present therefore no official action was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: EARLE STEEVES, Chair, CAROL HOFFMANN, JOHN GRAEFE, SUZANNE WILDER, CAROL BODDER, SUZANNE LAGAY, BILL MILLETTE, SUE DZIAMARA, WARREN SHULTZ, CRAIG EVANS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Excused: H. JORDAN GUENTHER, BILL BOWLBY, JAY KELLY, JOHN M. HALE, ROB TUCHER, RENEE MCNAMARA, KIM TESTA

AGENDA 1. Chairman Steeves welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that a quorum was not present. POSAC would proceed with the meeting on an informal basis and move all action items to the next meeting. In deference to the Warren Shultz and Craig Evans, the Park Rangers in attendance to speak toward the proposed changes to the Parks Schedule of Penalties, Agenda Item 6 was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

AGENDA 6. – PARKS OPERATIONAL

- Park Ranger Warren Shultz and Supervising Park Ranger Craig Evans presented the proposed changes to the Schedule of Fees that the Rangers use for violations to county park regulations and provided detail about the frequency of issued violations as well as the general process for interactions with the public using county parkland. Members discussed the reasoning behind the fine increase as well as the logistics of implementation. Issues related to day-to-day ranger operations were also discussed. Official recommendation was tabled until next meeting.

AGENDA 2. Approval of the Jan 20th Meeting notes: no action.

AGENDA 3. Review/Final Recommendation Municipal Grant Program Applications – None

AGENDA 4. Review/Final Recommendation NonProfit Grant Program Applications – None

AGENDA 5. Review/Final Recommendation Cooperative Grant Program Applications – None

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AGENDA 7. – NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- By-laws & Policy Update – Staff handed out the POSAC by-laws and the amended Open Space Policy as adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Staff also gave a brief overview of the substantive changes to the policy and how it will affect POSAC operations.
- Proposed County Acquisition – Plushanski - Staff gave an overview of the property and how it came before the Committee. Members discussed the properties merits and how it would fit in with the County's Union Forge site. The consensus of the members present was that staff should pursue the property to obtain an asking price.

AGENDA 8. – POSAC/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Carol Bodder gave an update on the parks programs, specifically the success of the maple syrup program and the ramp up to the summer nature program.

AGENDA 9. – FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

- Freeholder Lagay spoke regarding the actions of the Freeholder Board

AGENDA 10. - ADJOURN – Having no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by: *Bill Millette*, May 18th, 2015