



## **MINUTES**

Councilwoman Gumbs made a motion to adopt the:

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2004 and

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2005.

Seconded by Councilman Minutolo.

December 21, 2004 Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gumbs, Minutolo, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Drapkin and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

January 4, 2005 Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gumbs, Minutolo, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Deputy Mayor Drapkin

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005 -21 - Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Deputy Mayor Drapkin made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2005-21 and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gumbs, Minutolo, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Drapkin and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 21 OF THE ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS** the Aberdeen Township Council held two (2) public participation meetings on Tuesday, December 21, 2004 and Tuesday, January 4, 2005 regarding an "Open Space And Recreation Plan" for Aberdeen Township which was prepared by Coppola & Coppola Associates and which is dated November 2004;

**WHEREAS** an "Open Space And Recreation Plan" (OSRP) is defined by the Green Acres Program section of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) as:

“...a local government’s vision of open space and recreation. It should establish a philosophical and practical justification for the protection and preservation of open space and recreation opportunities. An OSRP provides a framework for

implementation;”

**WHEREAS** the “Open Space And Recreation Plan” for Aberdeen Township was prepared in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the New Jersey Green Acres Program and includes the “Goals And Objectives” of the plan, an “Inventory Of Existing Open Space & Recreational Facilities”, a “Needs Analysis” of needed additional open space areas and active recreational facilities, a “Resource Assessment” of Aberdeen Township’s natural resources which have the potential for providing open space and recreational opportunities, and an “Action Plan” with an accompanying “System Map”;

**WHEREAS** the overall goal and objective of the “Open Space And Recreation Plan” (OSRP) is to promote the highest quality of life for the residents of Aberdeen Township, including all age groups, in order to provide ample open spaces that preserve natural habitats, parks for families to enjoy with access by all age and user groups, recreational fields and facilities for all Township residents, including facilities to be used by the recreational youth leagues, and including walking and hiking trails to serve as connective links between parks and residential areas;

**WHEREAS** the Township Council heard comments from all interested parties and determined that three (3) constructive modifications should be made to the “Open Space And Recreation Plan”, as follows:

- 1) Change the reference to “Township Open Space Committee” on page 22 to read “Township Environmental & Shade Tree Advisory Board”;
- 2) Add Lots 7.01, 8 & 9 in Block 114, totaling approximately 32.33 acres, to the “Systems Map”:
  - a) Label these lots as No. 21 of the “Proposed Open Space & Recreation Areas” indicated in red on the map;
  - b) Add these lots to the “Proposed Open Space & Recreation Areas” chart on page 23; and
  - c) Add a reference to these lots on page 22 of the text.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Aberdeen Township Council that the “Open Space And Recreation Plan”, with the modifications noted hereinabove, is adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, Mark Coren, to make a “Planning Incentive Land Acquisition Application” to the Green Acres Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and to provide additional information and furnish such additional documentation, including a bond ordinance, as may be required by Green Acres for the application and to act as the principal contact person and correspondent of the Township of Aberdeen in this regard.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2005 - INTRODUCTION**

Councilman Vinci made a motion to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 1-2005 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the January 20, 2005 issue of the Courier, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on February 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Township of Aberdeen at one Aberdeen Square.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Drapkin.

Thereupon the Clerk read Ordinance No. 1-2005 by title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,825,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gumbs, Minutolo, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Drapkin and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Minutolo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda all items listed under 7C.

Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gumbs, Minutolo, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Drapkin and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-22 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement for E911 Services.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-23 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the performance bond for R&R Builders, LLC be released on property located at Arlington Avenue, Block 178, Lots 14.01, 14.02, 14.03 & 14.04.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-24 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the Township Manager to bid for a second time for Non-Leaded Gasoline.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-25 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the Manager/Purchasing Assistant are authorized to make purchases from the attached list of vendors for the year 2005.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-26 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it

- hereby authorized transfers be made between the 2004 Current Fund Budget.
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during closed Executive Session - contractual and litigation.
  7. RA - 845 - Raffle for Dante Alighieri Women's Society of Central Jersey, Aberdeen, NJ.
  8. RA - 846 - Raffle for Temple Beth Ahm, Aberdeen, NJ.
  9. RA - 847 - Raffle for Strathmore PTO, Aberdeen, NJ.
  10. RA - 848 - Raffle for Strathmore PTO, Aberdeen, NJ.
  11. RA - 849 - Raffle for St. Joseph PTA, Keyport, NJ.
  12. RA - 850 - Raffle for St. Joseph PTA, Keyport, NJ.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS:**

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

Phil Petrognani  
178 Wilson Avenue

Mr. Petrognani asked if there was any progress with the Courier advertising online.

Karen Ventura, Township Clerk stated yes. She call the Courier after the last meeting and they will be posting all legal advertising online immediately. The website address is:  
[www.bayshorecourier.com](http://www.bayshorecourier.com).

Mr. Petrognani asked about posting legals on NJPublicNotices.com

Karen Ventura stated she will check on that.

Mayor Sobel suggested a link from our website.

Ralph Conte will check into this to make sure that this will be legal.

Mr. Petrognani stated in regards to the Open Space and Recreation Plan he wasn't aware the Council would adopt the plan without the amended plan onsite.

Mr. Conte stated tonight is the first reading on the Ordinance with the public hearing being on February 1, 2005. The plan will be available prior to the second reading.

Mr. Petrognani asked what the savings is advertising in the Courier.

Mrs. Ventura stated the comparison will be when advertising for a meeting the Asbury Park Press will charge \$40 and the Courier \$8. When a document is lengthy it could be \$100's of dollars savings.

Mr. Petrognani stated but with something like the Open Space and Recreation Plan it should be given priority to put in the Asbury Park Press.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated Mr. Petrognani makes a good point. The Asbury Park Press has more readers.

Mayor Sobel stated the decision was made by this Council a couple of years ago to go with the Courier for the cost savings.

Mr. Petrognani asked if the agenda could be posted on the website early.

Mrs. Ventura stated she sends it to the webmaster on the Friday before a meeting. It should be posted.

Mark Theisman  
127 Wilson Avenue

Mr. Theisman stated if you don't have a final version of the Open Space Plan what are you voting on.

Mr. Conte stated the Council introduced the Ordinance tonight and will hold a public hearing at the next meeting. The Bond Ordinance raises the money to fund that Open Space acquiring of property. What the Council is voting on is all the information they received from the past two hearings on the Open Space, and Mr. Coppola's input and the input of the public.

Mayor Sobel stated the plan will be going to the Planning Board for their review and approval.

Mr. Conte stated the changes and comments from the public hearing are in the Open Space and Recreation plan are incorporated in this resolution by Mr. Coppola.

Mr. Petrognani stated he wants his property out of the plan and he never received a comment from Mr. Coppola regarding that.

Mr. Conte stated if Mr. Petrognani asked for his property to be removed , it is up to the council to decide, that is the legislative process. If you have an issue bring it again to the next meeting.

Mr. Petrognani stated he spent a lot of money getting a variance to build a garage on that piece of property. He is very concerned.

Mayor Sobel stated if there was an omission made we would review it. We do rely heavily on our professionals. Mayor Sobel stated Mr. Coppola will be at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night regarding the Open Space Plan and we will check with him.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Minutolo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gumbs and unanimously concurred by Council.

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk