

OSC MINUTES 11-13-14
Approved 12-11-2014

Present: Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoyer, Joey Glushko, David White, Jane Auger
Absent: Leslie Mayer, Lisa Decker, Michele Hassler, Teresa Debenedictis, Patsy Kraemer

Call to order 7:40 pm

Minutes: minutes were accepted with additions

Review of Open Spaces Plan - Chapters 6, 7, 8

Chapter 6 - Community Goals: no major additions/revisions

Chapter 7 - Analysis of Needs: reviewed; some additions made;

Need updates on lists of wildlife, fish, birds, etc. (David White)

Summary of vegetation (David White); encourage use of ecologically sound plantings by landscapers, developers, public projects etc.

Suggest increased emphasis on maintenance of open spaces, not just buildings

Recommendations for seasonal snow storage – parking lot near reservoir is not ecologically sound

Discussed role of OSC after submission of this plan - next 7 years

Recent passage of CPA; representation of open space/recreation issues on Capital Planning Committee

Chapter 8 - Goals and Objectives:

Incorporate climate change language from Steven Keleti. His email re: climate change will be forwarded to committee for review.

Acquisition or protection of additional lands - paper streets, unoccupied "waste" lands.

Access to areas such as Mill Brook, Spy Pond and Mystic Lakes shorelines

Maintenance of all open spaces - not just playing fields, but parks and water bodies.

Master Plan Process –

Comments on current draft due December 1; ARB hearing Town Hall Auditorium 7:00pm January 12, 2015. Draft recommendations are on Town website for review and comment

New Friends Group for Winfield Robbins Town Hall Gardens

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

Next meeting December 11, first floor annex conference room

2015 meeting dates January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July TBD, August TBD, September 24, October 22, November TBD, December, TBD

Submitted by Jane Auger