

Meeting Minutes

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday January 20, 2011. Time: 7:00 PM

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

In attendance: Marion Larson (chair), Peder C. Pedersen (co-chair, secretary); Maryanne MacLeod (treasurer), Robert Protano, Bob Authur. Guest: Cara Sanford.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. **(NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 PM.)**

- I. Information items. Bob Authur was welcomed as a new member of OSIC, having been sworn in just last week. Bill Ayadi and Joyce Hinckley have both indicated that with wish to resign as full OSIC members and participate in OSIC on a volunteer basis, due to frequent travel. Marion Larson will send them a note requesting formal letters of resignation.
- II. Meeting with Ms. Cara Sanford. Cara Sanford is currently the chair of Lancaster's Open Space Committee, and has recently assumed a full time position with AmeriCorps, being involved with watershed protection. Cara informed us that the updated Sterling Open Space Plan was used as a guide by the Lancaster Open Space Committee, in preparing their revised plan.

There was extensive discussion of strategies for carrying out the goals and actions listed in Section 9 of the updated Sterling Open Space Plan as well as discussion as to how Cara Sanford may be helpful. She will send an e-mail to Marion with a list of the areas where is potentially can provide expertise.

- III. Budget for FY 2012. OSIC has been alerted to the fact that submission of our FY 2012 budget is overdue. Budget items (for FY 2011) for trail mapping and signage were first discussed. Low-cost GPS trackers were described by Peder, and Bob Authur presented options for software for transferring .gpx files to topographical maps. However, before any purchases will be made, we will contact Jason Stanton at MRPC. Regarding trail mapping expenditures for FY 2012, Bob Protano proposed, with agreement by all, that funds for signage be given priority.

The budget for FY 2011 includes \$3100 for development of a community development plan. Maryanne Macleod will invite Amanda Amory to the next OSIC meeting on February 17 to explore whether she is available to help us writing such a plan. If she agrees, necessary funds for completion of the community development plan will be included in FY 2012.

In addition, the FY 2012 budget will also include funds for OSIC members to attend educational seminars and funds for a sterling Master Plan grant writing. The committee also debated whether to request funds for the purchase of a computer and/or a video projector.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peder C. Pedersen (secretary)