

**POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008  
7:13 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Roger Pyrtko – Council Chairman  
James Hoffmaster - Member  
Mary Bernstein – Member  
Ellie Milewski – Member  
Greg Zyry – Member  
Joanne Goetting – Member  
Richard Morris – Alternate #1  
Chris Constantino – Liaison Environmental Commission  
Liz Hirschel – Committee Secretary**

- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Statement of Chairman

This regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by me the Chairman and is held under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act; please be advised that adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public by posting of this notice in the Borough Hall and advertised in two newspapers, which are “The Ocean Star” and “The Observer”.

- Roll Call taken.

(Roger Pyrtko)

I would like to make a Motion to Waive the reading of last month’s Minutes of Meeting so changes and revisions can be made by Susan Rogers – Council Liaison who is unable to attend tonight’s meeting because she is attending a Water & Sewer Meeting in Brick Town which is very important. Bill Dikun could not attend, so she went in his place to negotiate our usage, so it’s a monumental meeting.....All those in favor.

(All Members in attendance)

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- **Committee Reports**
  - **Osborn Cemetery**

(Richard Morris)

We have not had any progress since the last meeting because we haven't had anybody out there. We had a tree come down which I guess Greg is going to get rid of.

(Greg Zyry)

It snapped in half, so I cut it up.

(Richard Morris)

I got a second price on the fence in writing which I will give to Scott when I see him. Its \$500 dollars less than the first one I got from Taylor. But it covers all the same things with nothing left out. There is another lesser fence called the Regency put out by a different company called Gerus and it's basically the same fence and that is about \$1,500 less than the \$16,000 dollar one. I believe they want 3 estimates isn't that correct? There is another one and that one is called Missing Link on Drum Point Road.

(Ellie Milewski)

What about Carls on 34?

(Roger Pyrtko)

Is Carls on 34?

(Richard Morris)

Taylor is on 33.

(Ellie Milewski)

It's right across from where Bills Work Boats is? It's right in there.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Is there is a casket maker there?

(Richard Morris)

I don't think they make metal fencing there, do they?

(Ellie Milewski)

I don't know. But the casket maker is no longer there.

(Joanne Goetting)

What kind and size of fence are we talking about?

(Richard Morris)

It's for black metal fencing about 4 ft high with 6 ft sections. The estimates are for 600 ft. of it. In any case we are making progress, but some of these prices because of the price of aluminum will only hold for several months, so by the time we get it ok'd by the Council they will all be outdated. These are all prices given for sight unseen.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Did we ever get any letters out to the people who are encroaching on our property?

(Richard Morris)

I don't think they have gotten the letters out yet because the survey isn't 100% done. I have to get after Albert to complete the survey, because there are 2 markers he hasn't found, and 1 of them I know about where it is. But the other one I don't. He will find it, but I can't push him too hard when he is doing something for nothing.

(Roger Pyrtko)

No, I can appreciate that.

(Ellie Milewski)

Who did the fence across the street?

(Richard Morris)

I talked to people out there, and no one knew who the company was.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Yeah, nobody knew who it was because it was the general contractor.

(Joanne Goetting)

And the reason you are looking at metal versus....

(Greg Zyry)

Because it's low maintenance. If you put wood it would deteriorate

(James Hoffmaster)

Are we going to put fence around the park too?

(Greg Zyry)

I believe we are going to leave the chain link fence.

(Richard Morris)

I agree that it would look nice.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Anything else under the cemetery?

(Richard Morris)

For the estimate that I got for the sign from HT Paul, do I have to get 3 estimates for that as well?

(Roger Pyrtko)

No.

(Ellie Milewski)

What was the price on that?

(Richard Morris)

I believe it was \$2,300. Is that something that we could move on?

(Mary Bernstein)

Are we going to see the sign from the street? How will anybody know it's there if you can't see it?

(Richard Morris)

Because the Boy Scouts are going to make one for the street.

(Ellie Milewski)

Is it going to look like a monument?

(Richard Morris)

It will look the one right out in front here. I will show you what it will look like if I can find the right paper. There are 2 different things that we have.

(Greg Zyry)

What is more expensive, the rock or the sign?

(Ellie Milewski)

I believe the rock is.

(Richard Morris)

The thing with the bronze plaque is that you can go into detail with the description of what the property is, and you can put the names of the people that are buried there. If you go with a stone monument you can't do that. He said it's indestructible.

(Ellie Milewski)

You are talking \$30,000 and it says \$2,950 almost \$3,000 here. If we need a couple of bids, maybe we can go up to Freehold.

(Richard Morris)

I know they have to go up north somewhere.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Is there one around here? I know there is one up in West Paterson.

(Richard Morris)

When I talked with him he said I would like to do it for nothing, but said he will work with us and give us the best price he could possibly give us.

(Roger Pyrtko)

I don't know if we have to get any more estimates, I mean the fencing is comparable. So we don't have to go crazy getting estimates.

(Richard Morris)

This is \$3,000 versus \$16,000 for fencing.

(Ellie Milewski)

I thought we were going to do both? Fencing and stone.

(Richard Morris)

Well yeah, but we can start with one now. Because I haven't had the time to go and get another estimate for the fencing.

(Greg Zyry)

Yeah and the price of metal just keeps going up.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Sorry, but I would like to go back to the fence. Does this include the gates?

(Richard Morris)

This doesn't include any gates, this is for 600 feet of fence, its going to be a little bit less because we have talked about bringing it to the edge of the property so we can work all the way around it when we are clearing, so that will shorten it a little bit. I figured it at 200 ft long and its only 189 feet.

(Roger Pyrtko)

So we don't want to put a gate there and leave it open?

(Richard Morris)

At this point I don't think that we are going to need to lock it up. Do you think that \$16,000 is a lot of money?

(Joanne Goetting)

I wouldn't know. I don't think we want to lock it, in case anybody wants to get in. So if somebody was going to walk around there, where are they going to park?

(Several Members)

Next door by the driveway, between 3707 and 3705 River Road.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Let us move on the fence tonight, so we can take it to council for the next meeting.

(Richard Morris)

I would like to move on the fence and the sign tonight.

(Ellie Milewski)

Yeah, let's move on both.

(James Hoffmaster)

Don't we have to get more bids on that? Can we narrow it down to an approximate cost so we can narrow the choices?

(Roger Pyrtko)

It has to go before the Council for approval, they have to vote on it and say fence approved for X amount of dollars. But it's still an Open Space recommendation. It will go on the Agenda for the next time we meet.

(Greg Zyry)

Well we are saving \$10,000 by cleaning it up ourselves.

(Roger Pyrtko)

So are we OK with the fence?

(Richard Morris)

I think they should have the other bid. I gave that to Scott Conklin, so the other one was for Taylor and this one is for Missing Link.

(Greg Zyry)

You know that Scott resigned.

(Roger Pyrtko)

OK let's move on this. I need a Motion to Move on the fence for Missing Link. Is that \$16,000?

(Richard Morris)

That is correct, \$16,000.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Richard Morris made the Motion.

(Greg Zyry)

Seconded.

(Roger Pyrtko)

All in favor.

(All Members)

I.....

(Roger Pyrtko)

Any opposed? So moved. I will take this recommendation to the Council.

(Ellie Milewski)

What about the rocks? Are we going to do that separately?

(Roger Pyrtko)

Do you have the rock specs? OK for the bronze plaque called the Jetty Rock for \$2,950 I need a Motion to propose this?

(Mary Bernstein)

Made the Motion.

(Ellie Milewski)

Seconded.

(Roger Pyrtko)

All in favor. Any opposed? So carried. Once this goes before the Council before the next meeting and we get the authorization to proceed, we will have to get the survey done, so we can notify those that are encroaching on our property and get them moved. Next we have the.....

- **Canal Walk**

(Greg Zyry)

There is nothing going on with that right now.

(Roger Prytko)

Status Quo..... Yeah, we can only do one thing at a time right now. OK let's move on.

(James Hoffmaster)

I have a question? In front of the Condo's there is a walk by the promenade. Where does that come to an end? Does that go all the way to the Ippolito property and stop or does it go to the canal?

(Roger Pyrtko)

I don't know, but I believe it is going to go up to the property line. I know it's going to be all joined. We are going to be using it all in one. The only thing I didn't like and it's something I proposed way back when, because I approached both these through their engineer to get them to donate the whole walkway to coincide with ours. There walkway is going to be concrete and ours is going to be wood.

(James Hoffmaster)

I was just wondering if it's paved or whatever, where will the property come up to? Will it go all the way up to the canal in front of the Ippolito property or will it go around the corner?

(Ellie Milewski)

Maybe now that they bought it maybe they will have to bring it out

(Roger Pyrtko)

They can't encroach on that.

(James Hoffmaster)

But there is no right of way in front of the Ippolito's? So how will it turn the corner, will it go around the back of the property? Will the walkway tie into the canal?

(Roger Pyrtko)

No, I think it should end at the property and maybe we can put a shrub or something there.

(James Hoffmaster)

Someone told me that the walkway in front of Riverfront Park would go across and tie into the walkway from the Condo's and go all the way to the canal and then come up along the canal to the river road.

(Roger Pyrtko)

That would be nice, but I don't know. It's not our property, so I don't know how it's going to be.

(Ellie Milewski & Greg Zyry)

There are two spots that we are going to have to walk around.

(Joanne Goetting)

Right by Scott Conklin's house there were 2 middle school girls walking around there walking there dog, and I had to say to them, you have to get out of there, it's so dangerous. That is the Army Corp. of Engineers property and they are in charge of that.

(Open discussion between all Members)

(Roger Pyrtko)

OK next on the Agenda is the Budget. Sue who is not here is more in tune with that. So we will have no report on the Budget for tonight. We will get in touch with Scott and get the paperwork. Alright, next on the Agenda is.....

- Dead End Paper Streets

(Ellie Milewski, Mary Bernstein & Greg Zyry)

(Ellie/Mary) .....Dead End on Maxim Avenue has some excitement going on. They are into massive tree removal on our beach, some trees which I feel shouldn't have been cut. (Greg) .....We asked them not to cut them, then I went down there and a day or two later they had yellow marks and now they had X's on them and cut them all down. (Ellie/Mary) ....they took them all down and I took some pictures this afternoon, we are very disappointed.

(Roger Pyrtko)

What about the fence? Did they take it down yet?

(Ellie Milewski)

Part of the fences they have all dug neatly and put aside. The rest around the whole perimeter of the street is still there. Hopefully they will leave that. I'm going to tell you that they cut down 100 year old trees, dumped equipment there for a walkway for kayaks. Evidently our committee has no influence.

(Chris Constantino – Liaison Environmental Commission)

You know that ramp could have been moved 5 ft at no cost.

(Greg Zyry)

You know when I talked to Bob Forsythe on Saturday, he said his ramp was only 8 ft. wide and I measured it was like 13 ft. between the trees, and they could have put it right in the middle of it.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Is that what's on the beach, those Cedars?

(Ellie Milewski & Chris Constantino)

(Ellie) ....Yep. They left 2. There was 6 altogether. (Chris) ....There was one that was pretty healthy, probably about 50 or 60 years old. It wasn't in the way and it had no vines. It was originally slated to stay.

(Roger Pyrtko)

So what happened to the markings on the trees?

(Ellie Milewski & Chris Constantino)

(Chris) .....They were over marked with fluorescent paint instead of the yellow paint.  
(Ellie) .....They didn't care they just re-marked them and cut them down.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Well they certainly didn't ask us about that.

(Mary Bernstein)

Roger, I have written next to the budget \$97,000 from our last meeting. I don't know what that means, but that's about it.

(James Hoffmaster)

We wanted to keep the \$30,000 to get all our stuff for the cemetery and make sure that we had enough, just in case they went over.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Next on the Agenda is the Open Space Plan with categories, ratings and hopefully public meeting comments. Do we have any?

(Ellie Milewski)

Susan & Leah with Brownfield are working on that.

(Greg Zyry)

Yeah, they basically have everything to do with the Canal Walk.

(Mary Bernstein)

And they were asking for the public's input via email about the categories and ratings and any comments they wish to add to the draft.

(Chris Constantino – Liaison Environmental Commission)

They apparently had a lot of questions right before they went to do the field survey two weeks ago, and a bunch of people gave some feedback that helped clear up some matters.

(Roger Prytko)

Is there anything else? Any new business? Nothing? Actually, I will bring up some new business. There is the church on Route 88 or Ocean Road; I'm trying to think of the name, I think its Lutheran Good Shepherd. Does anyone go to that church? Or is anyone familiar with it? Because behind there they have a big piece of property, well they were in touch with me and Cheryl Olson who works here in the Borough approached me and they are talking and they want to know if we have any interest in it or want to do something with it. Well, I said yeah. So they want the town or community to use it and I brought up the subject of Dottie's house, which is a facility that houses women with and without children who leave abusive relationships, and teaches them to how to provide for themselves on their own.

(Mary Bernstein)

It's a very successful program and they have a high success rate.

(Roger Pyrtko)

So the whole idea is to have a secret undisclosed place, so their abusers can't find them. Then she mentioned that they have classrooms, and I said oh yeah, where? They have banquet facilities and everything. So they are looking for ideas and users. But for our purpose now we have Open Space there. She said they wanted to invite Mayor and Council for dinner at their church. So I will be meeting with them to see if maybe we can lay some sod down for a soccer field. So what do you think is that a good idea? How's that for new business?

(James Hoffmaster)

Is it big enough for a soccer field?

(Joanne Goetting)

Oh it's big. These are serious people who want a big field. I know, because I was a part of traveling soccer.

(James Hoffmaster)

It's still valuable as long as it's an open field where teams can practice.

(Roger Pyrtko)

Well if you were at the last meeting we had the Traveling Soccer representatives here. There were some discussions about how everyone at one point or another had to travel to various places for games and that on occasion traveling around was just something that had to be done.

(Open Discussion with all Members about Traveling Soccer)

(Roger Pyrtko)

That's another thing I was going to bring up, before that park was built they were playing at Candle Lake field for that time. Well now you have 2 fields, so there should be no excuse. Another thing that has happened is that the high schools have changed the use of the fields too. They are sharing it with Lacrosse and the fields have been reduced, so that is why they are in a pinch now.....Alright were done, that's it for new business. I need a Motion for Adjournment.

(Ellie Milewski)

I will make a Motion to Adjourn.

(Mary Bernstein)

Seconded

(Roger Pyrtko)

All in favor for Adjournment?

(All Members)

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