

Lancaster Open Space & Recreation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 4:00 PM
Lancaster Town Hall

In attendance: Noreen Piazza, Tom Christopher, Shirley Griffin, David Koonce

Minutes

Noreen Piazza circulated the minutes from the 5/25 meeting. No changes or corrections were noted.

Update – Parcel Protection List

An eleventh draft of the parcel protection list was circulated for review. There were two new updates to the list as follows:

- 1) Under the Cook CA – Other section, Parcel 19-14 is now out of litigation. The judge did not rule in favor of the Town. Town officials will now determine if they will appeal.
- 2) Under the Town Forest – Other section, Parcels 24-22 and 24-38 under the ownership of Rick Piermarini may be used for house lots.

It was also noted that Town-owned Parcel 10-13A (21 acres) on Old Union Turnpike has a deed restriction that has expired. The deed restriction needs to be lifted by a vote at Town Meeting. This should be scheduled at the next Special Town Meeting in early 2017.

Update – Agricultural Parcel Protection List
New – Land Ranking System

Noreen Piazza circulated a first draft of an agricultural parcel protection list showing all active agricultural farms, abutting agricultural farms (in other towns), equestrian farms, garden stores/nurseries, and other agricultural properties of interest.

The next step is to rate each property according to attributes such as aesthetics, farming and soil quality, wildlife connectivity and owner interest in protection. David Koonce supplied an example of a parcel ranking system used in Boxboro that can possibly be adapted for Lancaster's purposes. Over the next two months, David and Noreen will work to apply the ranking system towards the general parcel protection list and the ag protection list, and present at the next OSRC meeting in September.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OSRC will be held on 9/28. An agenda is forthcoming.