

HOMER TOWNSHIP

OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

5:00 pm December 18th, 2019
Homer Township – Administration Building
14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491

Minutes presented to Committee January 15th 2020
Minutes approved by Committee January 15th 2020

This meeting is subject to the Open Meetings Act

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.*
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** *The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was performed.*
- 3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum:** *Present- Chairman Tom Fijan, Supervisor Meyers, and Margaret Sabo. Absent- Josh Barrett*
- 4. Public Comment: Jennifer Consolino:** *Jennifer Consolino presented to the Committee a snippet from a Church Bulletin indicating St Bernard's and Mother of Good Councils interests in the purchase of Gooding's Grove School. According to Mrs. Consolino and the literature presented, the combined Churches have created a task force to investigate the feasibility and to study the many facets of such a project with the intent that it would be converted into a Homer Glen Catholic Community Center. Mrs. Consolino advised the Committee to take this possible purchase into consideration while the Open Space Committee investigates the idea of a Community Center at Trantina.*
- 5. Approval of Minutes:** *November 20th 2019- Supervisor Meyers made a motion to approve the November 20th 2019 Committee Meeting minutes, second by Margaret Sabo, All yes- No discussion- Motion carries.*
- 6. Status Reports:**
 - A. Trantina site:** *New signs have been installed.*
 - 1) Dog Park:** *Two Dog Park Shelters/ shade areas (one for each side of the Dog Park) have been purchased and will be constructed in the spring.*
 - 2) Austin- Welter Historic Barn:** *The search for a light fixture replacement similar to the current one being used on the Barn is still in progress. Menards has a fixture very similar in appearance and it is being considered. Approval prior to placement of the fixture will be required from Will County Land Use Department/ Historic Preservation.*
 - 3) Metal Storage shed:** *No report*

- 4) **Granary:** No report
- 5) **Rental house:** House is rented.
- 6) **Multi-purpose Building:** Research continues.
- 7) **Misc. outbuildings (picnic pavilions, screen house, chicken coop, smoke house, latrine):** Latrine has been closed for the winter. It has been pumped out as well.
- 8) **Grounds in General: (parking lots, trails, garden, restoration areas, infrastructure and trees):** The fall burn was unable to be completed due to the weather. The burn will resume in the spring.

B. Purdy Farm: Leases are up to date.

C. Paul Farm: Sign has been repaired. Leases are up to date.

D. Welter Farm: Leases are up to date.

- 7) **Fundraising:** Consideration was given to an event similar to Homer Harvest Days. The Committee discussed allowing other entities utilization of the grounds at Trantina to host events for the community that would be mutually beneficial to Open Space and the sponsor. Such a scenario would be an asset to Open Space given the expertise, resources and capability of the sponsor hosting the occasion. Mrs. Sabo is currently researching this concept.

Discussion ensued about the difficulties with Homer Harvest Days. Lack of volunteers specifically was an issue. Supervisor Meyers indicated that the purpose of Committee is to explore ideas including any potential issues or problems that might occur during events.

8) **Grants:** No report

- 9) **Review of 2020 Committee meeting dates:** Motion to approve the proposed Committee meeting dates by Supervisor Meyers, second by Margaret Sabo, No discussion- All yes- Motion carries.

10) **New Business:** None

11) **Old business:** None

- 12) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm by Supervisor Meyers, second by Margaret Sabo, No discussion, All yes- Motion carries.

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