

**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
AGENDA**

DATE: **October 17, 2007**

TIME: **2:00 p.m.**

PLACE: **New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's – MERI Conference Room**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Sunshine Law Statement**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Review and adopt Minutes** of September 7, 2007 meetings
5. **Special Presentation**
 - a. Programming and Outreach design at Kane Tract Pavilion
 - i. By NJMC's Environmental Center's Executive Director of Special Programs Dr. Angela Cristini, and Project Director Dr. Vickie Madden
 - ii. Discussion about –
 - a. Pavilion-
 - b. Pavilion program
 - a. Environmental and educational ideas
 - b. Who will run and oversee pavilion - bids
6. **Chairman's Report**

7. **Executive Director's Report**
 - i. Old Business
 - a. License plate update
 - b. Norwood dedication of Central Woods
 - c. Fox Hill update – closing
 - d. FEMA reimbursement
 - ii. New Business
 - e. Norwood Phase III project –
 - f. Kane Tract

- a. SRT gates
- g. NJ's stable source of funding
- h. PSEG \$5,000.00 donation to the Trust

8. **Public Comment**

9. **Closed Session**

10. **Next meeting** Wednesday December 19, 2007 2:00 p.m. NJMC's MERI conference room

11. **Adjournment**

**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 7, 2007
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, MERI Conference Room, Lyndhurst, New Jersey

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair
Hackensack Riverkeeper

BOB CEBERIO
NJMC Exec. Director

DEBBIE LAWLOR
NJMC Delegate

ABIGAIL FAIR
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

GREG REMAUD
NY/NJ Baykeeper

CONFERENCED IN:

MARK BECKER, Vice Chair
Co-Director of Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network

HELEN CHUDZIK, ESQ
Deputy Attorney General

ALSO PRESENT:

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA

Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

Thomas Marturano
NJMC Director of Solid Waste and Natural Resources

Katie Weidel
NJMC Senior Landscape Architect

ABSENT:

MICHAEL GONNELLI
NJMC Commissioner

DENNIS ELWELL
Mayor of Secaucus

1. Chairman Sheehan presided over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 10:05 a.m. with Chairman Sheehan leading the pledge of allegiance.

Executive Director Schvejda read the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the September 7, 2007 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

Review and Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of June 15, 2007 and July 5, 2007 were adopted and approved with a motion made by Trustee Remaud, seconded by Vice Chair Becker and unanimously carried.

Special Presentation

Special presentation given by Katy Weidel and Tom Marturano on the conceptual design for the River Barge Park, Kane Pavilion, walkway and parking. The budget is set for \$250,000 to complete MCT's part of the River Barge Park Project.

Old Business

1. License Plate Update
2. Norwood
 - a. Dedication of Central Woods
Tuesday September 11, 2007 there will be a dedication for Central Woods at 4 o'clock. Ms Schvejda will make a speech on behalf of MCT stating we enjoyed working with Norwood on the preservation of the Central Woods property and look forward to upcoming projects with Norwood municipality. Congressman Garrett and Mayor Barsa will also speech at the event.
 - b. Fox Hill Update
Update on Fox Hill in Norwood - we should be closing soon. It has gone to both attorneys for review. The baseline is finished, and all due diligence has been completed. Closing should be at the end of this month or beginning of next month for the conservation easement of sixty-five acres in the north western section of Norwood.
4. FEMA Reimbursement for Losen Slote

We have been in touch with FEMA. They are cutting our check today, for 75% of the \$47,600.00 that they plan to reimburse the Trust for completing the work. We will get \$37,000 now and the other 25% we should receive within a month or so.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kane Tract

Bashes Creek and MRI Phase III have flooded out in numerous times. Marsh Resources Inc. has fixed it but still it has not been completely remediated and so all the way back to where the Hasidic congregation has been cutting our phrags in the past is now hip deep in water. Ms. Schvejda has contacted the congregation to inform them that they can't cut in that area of the Kane Tract this year. Ms. Schvejda has offered to try and find another location for the congregation.

2. Budget Meeting

A 2008 budget meeting will be coming up in October. Irfan will let us know the date of the meeting. Irfan is representing NJMC and Captain Sheehan and Mark Becker are on MCT's Budget / Financial Sub Committee.

3. Skeetkill Creek Marsh

Skeetkill closing should be coming up soon. We will be closing on property which NJMC is transferring the title over to the Trust. The attorney's for both entities are wrapping up loose ends. Maintenance costs of the property will have to be addressed and bids will have to go out for it when the Trust finally takes title of the property.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made for a closed session by Trustee Remaud and seconded by Trustee Fair and unanimously carried.

The closed session was about land negotiations.

Trustee Fair made a motion to move out of closed session seconded by Trustee Remaud, roll call was taken and unanimously passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Chairman Sheehan welcomed Debbie Lawlor Bob's delegate for NJMC to the MCT Board.
- b. Chairman Sheehan was very upset with the false statements that the South Bergenite newspaper made about how the Trust "stole" THE Empire Tract from Carlstadt. Trustee Fair suggested that Chairman Sheehan write a rebuttal.

Public Comment –

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 11:30 a.m. by Trustee Fair and seconded by Trustee Remaud and unanimously carried.

Kristina R. Schvejda, Executive Director
Meadowlands Conservation Trust