

**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 19, 2008
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, MERI Conference Room

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair
Hackensack Riverkeeper, INC.

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

ABIGAIL FAIR, Trustee
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

GREG REMAUD, Trustee
NY/NJ Baykeeper

MARC SCHRIEKS, NJMC Delegate
NJMC Manager Intergovernmental Affairs

ALSO PRESENT:

TIRZA WAHRMAN, ESQ
Deputy Attorney General

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA
Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

LAURA MACHUCA
Special Assistant to MCT Ex. Director

ABSENT

HON. MAYOR DENNIS ELWELL, Meadowlands District Mayor's Council Delegate
Mayor of Secaucus, NJ

MICHAEL GONNELLI, NJDCA Delegate
NJMC Commissioner

1. Chairman Sheehan presided over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 2:05 pm.

2. MCT Executive Director Schvejda presented the River Barge panel designs to the Board. Ms. Schvejda read the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the May 19, 2008 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

3. Adopt the minutes from the April 17, 2008 MCT BOT meeting; Trustee Remaud made the motion, Trustee Fair seconded it and the vote was to adopt the minutes was unanimously carried. April 17, 2008 minutes and signed resolutions were distributed.

4. Resolutions:

- A. Resolution of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust pledging \$100,000. to Teaneck municipality for the conservation easement acquisition of a property known as Pomander Walk in the Township of Teaneck (Resolution 08-06)

Resolution 08-06 motion was made by Trustee Fair, seconded by Trustee Remaud and unanimously carried-

- B. Resolution of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust to Authorize the Executive Director to explore a venture in which Meadowlands Conservation Trust would acquire the Kane Tract Access Point Property by donation from Simon's Properties (Resolution 08-07)

Resolution 08-07 motion was made by Trustee Remaud, seconded by Trustee Fair and unanimously carried –

5. Chairman's Report:

None

6. Executive Director's Report:

Business: MCT was in the news in the past month. Scott Fallon of The Record wrote an article about the Kane Tract RFP. Mike Kelly, also of The Record, wrote about MCT. Skeetkill Creek Marsh looks beautiful now. MCT had a clean up in April. Branches have been trimmed and the ground has been raked of mile-a-minute. Genzyme is paying for maintenance every two weeks which will save the Trust \$36,000 a year. The mile-a-minute (MAM) is still out of control so MCT put a bid out for the invasive species treatment. Vice Chairman Becker asked about natural controls for this vine. Natural controls experiments will be conducted in the district by USF&W and these might be used next year instead of herbicides if the experiments go well. Congressman Steve Rothman had a Meadowlands stakeholders meeting in order to discuss project priority for appropriations and highlighting the Meadowlands Region with the various agencies involved.

7. Public Comment - Dr. Ross Feltes commented on mile-a-minute vines

8. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm in a room to be determined.

9. Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:00 pm and unanimously carried.

Kristina R. Schvejda, Executive Director