

Mantua Township Open Space Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes February 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chad Bruner at 7:08 PM in the MUA Building

Present: Chad Bruner, Laurie Morgan, Joe Zeno, Bill Pine, Tony Groch, Jim Bell, Stephanie Salvatore, Kathy MacGregor, Brenda Smith, Jim Kiel, and Jim Hochberg

Absent: Tom Gregg and John Hughes,

Approval of Minutes: No minutes

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports: There were no sub-committee reports at this meeting.

Old Business: Mr. Bruner stated a review of the work of the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) seems to indicate the following:

Berkley Road and Mt. Royal Rd. Open Space (35± acres) should be used for passive recreation to include gardening plots and a fenced in dog walking area. There is a need to keep traffic at a minimum. There should be small parking lots with entrances from both roads. The committee agreed with this.

Kadin Park at Heritage and Jackson Roads should be used for a sports organization and Mr. Bruner proposed moving the entire soccer organization to that location and locating some lighted fields as far away from residences as possible. There is a much better parking situation here than at Chestnut Branch Park. There could be entrances and exits on both roads to help with any traffic situations. There was some debate among committee members about which sports organization should be moved here but the consensus was that soccer should be moved there.

Chestnut Branch Park should retain football and lacrosse since they were smaller organizations. Since the land adjacent to Chestnut Branch Park had just recently been acquired, more thought would need to go into expansion. Ideas expressed included walking trails and frisbee golf.

Mr. Bruner stated that, with the current economy, it is doubtful that anything will be moved along quickly and the committee had time to do further studies and research.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the MUA building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph J Zeno