

**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – December 8th, 2010**

The Tewksbury Township Equestrian Committee met on the above date in the Municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Present:** Dana Desiderio (DD), Patty Clucas (PC), Don Broughton (DB), Todd Brooks (TB), and Ilaria Borghese (IB).

**Absent:** None.

**Public:** No one from the public was in attendance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

**Opening Meeting**

DB opened the meeting. Minutes from the September, 21st, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Topics Discussed at this Meeting

**Annual Budget**

There continue to be no funds available for this Committee. DB initiated a budget that will be proposed for next year. This budget is to include but not be limited to 1) \$1,000 for maintenance of jumps and footing at Christie Hoffman Park (to include but not be limited to regular cleaning of the water jump, adding stone dust to the take-off and landing bases for each jump, and clearing shrubs and weeds from jump perimeters), and 2) \$1,000 for design, printing, and dissemination of informational materials related to equestrian activities of Tewksbury Township. DB will prepare a formal budget to present to the Township for approval for next year.

**Additional Committee Members**

DD stated that, as of January, 2011, this Committee will be allowed to have up to 7 members, and that membership numbers need to be odd numbers (either we remain at 5 members or we add 2 more members). DB and the other Committee members will seek out two more possible candidates for 2011.

**Equestrian Committee Brochure**

The Equestrian Committee Brochure was printed and ready for distribution (250 copies for \$48.00). DB brought in lucite brochure holders (donated by Jeff Roberts) and distributed them to the Committee members. DD elected to distribute brochures at the Tewksbury Inn and Town Hall. DB elected to distribute brochures at the local Turpin, Weichert, and Caldwell Realty Offices. IB elected to distribute brochures at the Oldwick branch of Peapack-Gladstone Bank and at the Oldwick Post Office. PC elected to

distribute brochures at The General Store and PNC Bank. TB elected to distribute brochures at the antique store in Oldwick, and Fine Wines in Oldwick.

DB will ask for 500 additional brochures to be printed.

### **“Horse Crossing” Signs**

DB spoke with Hayden Hull regarding the yellow and black warning “Horse Crossing” signs. It was agreed that Meadow Lane, Hill and Dale Road, and Farmersville Road would benefit from these warning signs. IB remarked that Hill and Dale Road required 2-3 signs; 1) by Wintermute Road, west, 2) across Skillman’s driveway, west, and 3) by Hill and Dale Farm. Hayden agreed to erect the signs once they were approved by the Scenic Roads Commission. PC recalled a conversation with Carol Leighton of the Scenic Roads Commission where, if signs were erected on County roads, that Scenic Roads approval was not needed. The Committee agreed to further investigate this matter.

### **Miscellaneous**

TB continues to research equestrian committees and similar organizations in other townships to look at ways in which they are representing their equine communities. TB will compile a more organized list for the next meeting.

IB continues to work on the list of Township residents that have equestrian interests in the community. Once the list is compiled, this Committee will begin to look at ways to connect with the Township’s equestrians in order to build community rapport.

DB will ask Shana about the possibility of adding the Committee members’ personal contact information on the Township website so that individuals with equine- and equestrian-related questions may contact us directly.

DB will inquire about scheduling our 2011 Equestrian Committee meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by motion of DB and seconded by PC.

The next meeting of the Equestrian Committee will be February 3rd, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ilaria Borghese