

Avon Hill Initiative Minutes

Thursday, November 18th 2004, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Quad 264, Saint John's University

Attendance: 36 members

Tom Kroll gave an overview of the formation and history of Avon Hills Initiative.

Chris Schellinger addressed the group with new business and the three resolutions were discussed as well as questions from the members in attendance.

Resolution A was passed unanimously.

Resolution B was passed with 21 in favor.

Concerns brought up by members included: whether the open space within a zone due to cluster development was shared amongst the land owners, ensuring that the most fragile/valuable land of within a zone is preserved, and the restrictions put on the conservation easement areas.

Resolution C was passed unanimously.

Possible topics for the conference that were discussed included: conservation easements, estate planning ops, Healthy Community Partnerships, and zoning overlay districts

It is important to the group to preserve and realize the value of the land while also providing new homes and development in the area. Stress was placed on the importance of having a plan of what the community wants for development in the Avon Hills area so that the developers do not plan for the community.

For future meetings it was suggested that they occur quarterly and on weekday evenings. It was also suggested that speakers attend the meetings who would be able to share information on relevant issues. Speakers such as those from MN Land trust, and representatives from the townships who could speak about current development plans.