

**Princeton Consolidation  
Transition Task Force  
Boards, Committees and Commissions Subcommittee  
May 10, 2012  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM in Conference Room A of Township Hall.

**Attendance**

Subcommittee: Hendricks Davis, Wanda Gunning, Bernie Miller, Gary Patteson; Eugene McCarthy, Liaison for the NJ Department of Community Affairs; William Kearns, Legal Counsel to the Transition Task Force; Members of the Public

**Discussion Items:**

Code of Ethics

In response to inquiries made by members of the BCC subcommittee, Bill Kearns engaged the committee in a conversation on Local Government Ethics Law (LGEL) and Codes of Ethics as they pertain to citizens appointed to serve on boards, committees and/or commissions. B. Kearns provided background to the LGEL and local ethics boards, dating back to 1993, pointing out the issues and difficulties that became apparent over time. He indicated that the LGEL provides a mechanism to effectively deal with matters of ethics and conflicts of interest. Rather than establishing a board of ethics, municipalities work under this law and should provide education and training in LGEL and ethics to all officials and appointees.

Parks and Open Space

The BCC subcommittee engaged in discussion with two members of the public of the need for a Parks and Open Space advisory committee. The committee would be comprised of members of the community and staffed by designated employees and would be charged with assessing the physical conditions, developing a rationale for budget expenditures and annually assessing the needs of "open space parks." "Planned" or recreational parks (those with playing fields) are viewed generally as being well attended to by the community through the oversight of the Joint Recreation Board and Public Works Department. The need for oversight and review of open space parks is addressed in the master plan. The subcommittee will consider approaches to dealing with all of the interests related to parks, open space, as well as active and passive recreation.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM

Submitted by

Hendricks Davis