

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE

2332-06

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE MAPLEWOOD OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"Interpretive Statement"

This ordinance will create a standing committee to advise the Township Committee concerning the use of revenues from the Open Space Trust Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

FIRST: Establishment

A committee known as the Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee be and is hereby established.

SECOND: Purpose

The general purpose of the Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall be to:

1. Recommend to the Maplewood Township Committee the prioritized use of funds from the Open Space Trust Fund for any or all of the following purposes:
 - A. Acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes;
 - B. Development of lands already utilized or acquired for recreation and conservation purposes;
 - C. Maintenance of lands already utilized or acquired for recreation and conservation purposes;
 - D. Historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects and the acquisition of such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects for historic preservation purposes; or
 - E. Payment of debt service or indebtedness issued by or incurred by the Township for any of the purposes set forth in sub-paragraphs A, B, C, and D of this section.
2. The Committee shall put its recommendations for use of Open Space Trust Funds in writing and deliver same to the Maplewood Township Committee,

the Township Administrator and the Township Chief Financial Officer, no later than December 31 of each year.

THIRD: Functions

The functions of the Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee may include but are not limited to:

1. Conducting an assessment of Maplewood to determine the needs of the Township as they relate to the Open Space Trust Fund;
2. Soliciting input from Township residents concerning the best use of the Open Space Trust Fund including open public hearings;
3. Fulfilling other study requests from the Township Committee related to Recreation and Open Space including but not limited to the creation of an Open Space and Recreation Plan;
4. Assisting the Township in acquiring funds for the acquisition of open space within the Township.

FOURTH: Membership

The Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following members.

- A. A member of the Township Committee (ex officio);
- B. The Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (ex officio);
- C. The Director of Public Works (ex officio);
- D. A member of the Recreation Advisory Committee, to be recommended by the Recreation Advisory Committee;
- E. A member of the Environmental Advisory Committee, to be recommended by the Environmental Advisory Committee;
- F. A member of the Historic Preservation Committee, to be recommended by the Historic Preservation Committee;
- G. A representative of the South Orange/Maplewood school district, to be recommended by the school district;
- H. Four (4) residents of the Township with an interest in recreation and/or parks.

All members to be appointed by the Township Committee.

FIFTH: Terms of Office

The ex officio members of the Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall be appointed annually. All other members of the Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years unless otherwise indicated. All terms shall expire on December 31 of the last year of the appointee=s term. The initial appointment shall designate two (2) three (3) year terms;

three (3) two (2) year terms and three (3) one (1) year term. Following the initial expiration, all terms shall be for a period of three (3) years.

SIXTH: Organizations; Meetings

- A. Members of the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall organize annually and choose from among their members a Chair Person, who shall not be an ex officio member or a member of the South Orange/Maplewood school district;
- B. The Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly each year.

SEVENTH: Severability

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

EIGHTH: Repeal of Prior Ordinances

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

NINTH: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on January 17, 2006 and that Committee met again on February 7, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, at which time and place the Committee proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.
Township Clerk