

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes October 15, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Debra Kratzer at 8:10 P.M.

Notice Requirements

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Delaware Valley News and the Express Times and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger January 2007. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building in January 2007.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Roll Call

Present: Debra Kratzer Anthony Hauck
Lois Voronin Cynthia Niciecki
Elaine Niemann Sandra McNicol
Sal DeSapio

Absent: Walt Warneski Daniel DeFrancesco
Joseph Zgurzynski

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Minutes

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Environmental Commission meeting.

Roll Call Vote: AYE - Debbie Kratzer, Lois Voronin, Cynthia Niciecki,
NAY - None
ABSTAIN - Sal DeSapio, Sandra McNicol, Anthony Hauk
ABSENT - Walt Warneski, Daniel DeFrancesco, Joseph Zgurzynski

Correspondence

EC Round Table Sponsored by ANJEC and the County Planning Board for EC Members

Debra Kratzer read the correspondence aloud from the EC Round Table sponsored by ANJEC and the County Planning Board for EC Members. The meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2007 from 9:00am till 12:00 Noon. Elaine Niemann noted that the major idea is to communicate with our neighboring Environmental Commissions.

Quarterly Homeowner Well Sampling Results for August 2007

Debbie Kratzer reviewed the N.J.D.E.P. drinking water standards, results and readings from the tests samples.

Anthony Hauck reviewed results of several wells in the Township. He feels there could be a problem from the drought. There is also a high sodium count for Rt. 12 Business Park.

Lois Voronin commented on the water flow from MEI.

The 5th Annual Volunteer Monitoring Summit – November 29th and 30th 2007

Debbie Kratzer reviewed the correspondence for the Summit.

Monmouth University – Urban Coast Institute – Coastal Watershed Seminar Series, Stream Living, Saturday, October 20, 2007 and Stream Restoration: Tools and Techniques, Tuesday, October 22, 2007

Debbie Kratzer reviewed and read aloud.

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Notification from the DEP Bulletin to be available online/email

Debbie Kratzer read aloud and explained that this will no longer be delivered in a paper form. It will be available on line and she encourages all members to review on line and to make comments.

Environmental Endowment for New Jersey, Inc. 2008 Grant Guidelines – EENJ 2008 Grant Application

Debbie Kratzer commented that the Environmental Commission has never applied for this grant before, but we could and we may want to in the future. She stated that Kingwood is qualified since we are located in the Delaware River Basin watershed area.

Elaine Niemann suggested to Debbie Kratzer that she look on line for more information. It was discussed that it maybe a good idea to start a subcommittee. Debbie Kratzer asked the members if they would like to be on a subcommittee to work on this, to please let her know. She stated that the grant application is due by December 15, 2007 and would like to have a draft ready by the November meeting. Ms. Kratzer mentioned meetings that are coming up, like the Lower Delaware Management Committee.

Report from Todd Kratzer-Concerning the Lockatong and Wickecheoke Creek flow monitoring stations

Debbie Kratzer reviewed Todd Kratzer's letter. She explained that he works for the N.J. Water Supply Authority, and is writing to the Mayor of Kingwood explaining that the funding for this monitoring is coming to an end. She explained that he is soliciting sponsorship from Kingwood, Delaware, Franklin, and Raritan Townships for continued operation of these flow-monitoring stations. Committeewoman Elaine Niemann explained what the Township Committee talked about at their last meeting. She stated that they noted that there is no money at this time, but will consider for 2008. Debbie Kratzer will write a letter to the N.J. Water Supply Authority in response to their letter from the Environmental Commission. She will inform them that they are in favor of the support to fund, but will have to consider the idea in the year 2008. Elaine Niemann stated that the Township Committee will be writing a letter also, and maybe looking into a grant.

E-Mail from the Hunterdon County's Draft Growth Management Plan and Notice of Public Hearing on November 7, 2007

Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

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E-Mail notice of the next Wild & Scenic Management Committee meeting on November 8th, 2007

Debbie Kratzer reads notice aloud that will be at the Frenchtown Hall.

Reports

Debbie Kratzer – Conservation Plan Survey

Debbie Kratzer reviewed all aspects of the Plan Survey and encourages all to fill one out. She explains that this contributes to the Conservation Plan that the Township Planner is working on. It is on the website if anyone is interested.

Resignation letter from Tony Hauck

Debbie Kratzer explained letter from Tony Hauck resigning from the Open Space Advisory Committee. It was noted that a member will need to be appointed from the Environmental Commission who will be a representative for the Open Space Advisory Committee.

NJ DEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification – 1034 County Road 519

Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

NJ DEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification – 71-73 Barbertown Idell Rd.

Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Property Owner Notification Letter – Three part pump test to be conducted on a new well at Block 19, Lot 10.08, #2 Britton Lane.

Debbie Kratzer reviewed letter from C.D.M.A. Inc.

Reports

Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review

DEP Bulletin – September 5, 2007

DEP Bulletin – September 19, 2007

Debbie Kratzer explained that she went on line to review Kingwood Township. She explained that comments must be received within 30 days.

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There was a violation from the D.E.P. in reference to fresh water wetlands and a family in Kingwood Township. Tony Hauck commented how important it is to obtain a L.O.I. from the D.E.P.

Old Business

Review Well Tests

There was a brief review of how many participants there were from Community Day. Debbie Kratzer explained that Q.C. Labs will do a summary for the Environmental Commission.

Review Septic Pumping

It was noted that there were (36) families that signed up for the septic pumping with Russell Reid. Lois Voronin explained that it was so successful that they would like to consider offering this every year to the residents of Kingwood. L. Voronin will inquire prices from different companies to get the best price.

New Business

Planning Board Application – Route 12 Properties; L.L.C. Boundary Line Adjustment for Block 12, Lot 16 to Block 12, Lot 58 and Minor Subdivision for Block 12, Lot 16, proposed Lots 16.01 and 16.02.

Sandra McNicol explained the application. This will be going to the Board of Adjustment to review at their November 14, 2007 meeting. There should be no changes after the Board of Adjustment reviews. The Environmental Commission will review at their December meeting.

Open Space

Sandy McNicol reviewed the October 4th Open Space Meeting. Things that were discussed – Equestrian Village, Ukarish Property, applying for PIG Grants.

Mr. Hauck asked if there is anything the Environmental Commission could do to control the deer population. Many farmers complaining that the deer are eating their crops. It was also discussed the several diseases that the deer are carrying. He also shared a story of a book that he is currently reading. Mr. Hauck handed out a page of info on the book, the shedding of light.

Debbie Kratzer reviewed the Environmental Commission's newsletter.

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Elaine Niemann explained that there is a new addition to recycling of batteries at the monthly recycling for the Township. She noted that the D.E.P. would like the Township to recycle more variety of things. She said that the Township is looking to have recycling available all week long for the residents, with a better facility. The Township needs more volunteers at recycling. Elaine Niemann noted that the County is having a meeting on Tuesday, October 16th. Township is looking to use Clean Community funds to improve our recycling. There was a discussion on shared services with other municipalities. Elaine Niemann welcomes new ideas and encourages all to contact, Sandy Siano with any ideas they may have.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Brown
Secretary