

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes November 19, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Debra Kratzer at 8:05 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 Sandra McNicol
Elaine Niemann Joseph Zgurzynski
Walt Warneski

Absent: Daniel DeFrancesco
Sal DeSapio
Cynthia Niciecki

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Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Anthony Hauck and carried to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2007 Environmental Commission meeting.

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

Correspondence

Jeff Tarela Environmental Consultants – Application for Letter of Interpretation for (Orlando Development) Block 9, Lots 1403 & 14.04

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud. No comments.

Notice from the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Confirmation of 48 Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Project: Nutrend Dwelling, Block 29, Lot 22.01 Kingwood Township

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud. No comments.

Notice from the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Stop Construction Order – Project: Kingwood Manor (Bunker Hill Homes), Block 22, Lot 17

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read notice aloud. There were some comments from the Committee members. W. Warneski felt it is too close to the wetlands area of the property. L. Voronin has concerns with possible violations and to what could happen after a rainfall. S. McNicol explained that the Soil Conservation District Rep. goes on the site and inspects. There was a lengthy discussion on what could be done to prevent this from happening in the future.

News Letter From the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud.

Field Notice of Violation – From the Department of Environmental Protection Site Name: David Nenna, Barbertown Point Breeze Road, Block 22, Lot 17

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and stated she will contact someone from the State as far as wetlands and soil conservation. Sandra McNicol suggested it might be best to contact the County and stay local.

Notice of Violation – From the Department of Environmental Protection Site: Block 24, Lot 8.01

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Notification of Incident from the D.E.P. – Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 07-10-29-1107-51

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that the State is offering grants to remove underground tanks. Walt Warneski commented on the concerns of violations/fines and having a lot of dirt removed when removing an underground tank. Walt Warneski to look into this further.

Notification of Incident from the D.E.P. – Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 07-11-02-0906-13

Walt Warneski to look into further.

Notification of Complaint# 249033, Robert and Kim Grom, 174 Fitzer Road, Frenchtown, NJ 08825, Block 18, Lot 3 Kingwood Township

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Anthony Hauck described the water flow in that area. There were several comments from the Committee members.

Letter from NJDEP – Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – Extension Applicant: Attilio Grasso, Block 10, Lot 2

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed letter. It was noted that an L.O.I. is only good for five years, they are granting for an extension. There was a lengthy discussion on the location.

Letter from Robert Cacciabauda, Federal Twist Road, Block 37, Lots 3.05-3.09, Kingwood Township, Submitting Applications for Permits or Approvals to the NJDEP for the Boundary of Freshwater Wetlands.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud letter and reviewed.

Letter Addressed to the Environmental Commission from Bohren and Bohren Assoc. – Application Submitted for Block 19, Lot 4.02, 954 County Rd 519, Permit or Approval by the D.E.P.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud letter and reviewed.

Reports

Debbie Kratzer – Conservation Plan Survey

Lois Voronin offered to comply all the surveys and bring them back for the next meeting in December. They will be then sent to Angela Clerico so that she may process them.

Anthony Hauck commented on the survey and feels it is a very long survey to fill out. He reviewed what is important to him as far as what he would like to see in the Township and what could be preserved. Mr. Hauck also explained different areas of development in Hunterdon County and the different areas of the water capacity.

Member Elaine Niemann arrived at 8:42 P.M.

Old Business

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

To be added to the December agenda to be discussed.

Chairman Debbie Kratzer asked Joseph Zgurzynski to review information on M.E.I. Joseph Zgurzynski explained that there are a number of houses that have not changed as far as their water test results. He said that the New Business Park reported that there was very high sodium in their water test. It was also mentioned that M.E.I. Representatives are always invited to attend the meetings to review the subject. Joseph Zgurzynski reviewed a study he did several years ago with M.E.I. and the results.

Elaine Niemann suggested before contacting the D.E.P. it might be a good idea that the Commission try to invite M.E.I. once again to joint their meetings. She feels it would be a better relationship if the Commission communicated and reviewed what the Environmental Commission would like to know and to obtain information without a threat.

Debbie Kratzer will write a letter to M.E.I. inviting them to a meeting.

Mr. Hauck is concerned about the amount of water everyone is using and would like the Environmental Commission to monitor wells and the levels. Sandra McNicol would like to see the Committee set goals and really try to accomplish a lot through the Environmental Commission.

Debbie Kratzer shared information from the E.C. Round Table joint meeting, which was on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at the municipal building. She also reviewed a country wisdom magazine from Bethlehem Twp.

Sandra McNicol suggested having a representative from the D.E.P. explain to everyone what is going on with M.E.I. She also reviewed a meeting she attended in Lambertville with the D. R. Greenway. She expressed that it was very interesting and that they spoke of the floods in Lambertville and all along the river. She stated that N.J. is fourth in nation for the largest flood expenses.

New Business

New E-Mail Address for Anthony Hauck: ynothauck@embarqmail.com

Open Space

Sandra McNicol – Reports on November 1st, 2007 - Open Space/Agriculture meeting.

Sandra McNicol reported that the Open Space and the Agriculture Committee is working on a Farmland Preservation Element for the Master Plan. She explained they are working under a tight deadline to complete the project. Sandra also explained that Habitat for Humanity met with Mayor Burke. They are very interested in being involved with installing a few homes in the Township for low income families. The project will be on the Ukarish property with about 4-7 homes to be built on the property. This will also fulfill the Township's COAH obligations. Committeewoman Niemann will report back to the Commission at next meeting after meeting with the Township Committee at their December meeting.

Lois Voronin stated she has spoken to Tom Stover from Stover's Well Drilling and he is having problems with gathering information on what applies with a new well system in Kingwood Township. There was a discussion on the new well ordinance and what is involved with putting in a new well. It was also discussed who the residents would ask if they had questions or answers. Elaine Niemann stated that Diane Laudenbach is the secretary to the board of health, therefore, he has been referring residents with questions or answers to Diane.

Anthony Hauck explains how even 200 feet wells nearby could be effected.

Meeting Date for 2008 to be Changed

There was a discussion on the Environmental Commissions Regular Meetings to possibly be changed to the end of the month. To be decided at the December meeting.

Discussion to write a letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission

Chairman Debbie Kratzer discussed possibly writing a letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission in support of a special protection waters designation of the Delaware River.

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to send a letter from the Environmental Commission to the Delaware River Basin Commission re: Support of the Adoption of Permanent Special Protection Waters for the Lower Delaware.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – **Debbie Kratzer, Lois Voronin, Elaine Niemann, Anthony Hauck, Walt Warneski, Sandra McNicol**
Nay - **None**
Abstain - **None**
Absent - **Joseph Zgurzynski, Daniel DeFrancesco, Sal DeSapio, Cynthia Niciecki**

Chairman Debbie Kratzer announced she would like to get together with the subcommittee to discuss a draft for the conservation element.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Brown
Secretary