

# **KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes December 10, 2007**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Debra Kratzer at 8:03 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  
Sandra McNicol                      Joseph Zgurzynski  
Elaine Niemann                      Cindy Niciecki  
Walt Warneski

**Absent:** Daniel DeFrancesco  
Sal DeSapio  
Lois Voronin

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**Minutes**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Anthony Hauck and carried to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007 Environmental Commission meeting.

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

**Correspondence**

Letter of Interpretation for Block 23, Lot 11 Applicant: John Perrotti 176, Fairview Drive, Neshanic Station, New Jersey 08853.

Sandra McNicol reported that there are 129.9 acres of this property. They are also in an 8 year plan and not required to continue in the plan. She stated that they are not required to get an LOI for farmland preservation. There was a discussion whether they would like to continue in the plan and also to preserve their land. It was noted that Liz Schmidt will be in contact with them. Mrs. McNicol explained that the Open Space Advisory Committee along with Mr. Banisch, is preparing a Farmland Preservation Plan that the Township is required now by the County to produce. She also explained that in order for the Township to participate in the PIG program, the Township has to outline what properties they are looking and hoping to preserve.

Letter of Interpretation for Block 25, Lots 7 & 7.15 Applicant: Matthew Schutz, Kingwood Locktown Road.

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed. It was noted that Block 7 is 15.3 acres, located on Kingwood Locktown Road with access to Muddy Run Road, and Block 7.15 is 6.7 – three seven acres located right next to the other property.

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 07-11-28-908-52 Combs - 229 Federal Twist Road

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 07-11-29-1026-20 Rey – 221 Ridge Road

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

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Letter from ANJEC Assoc. of New Jersey re: 2008 Planning Grants for NJ Municipalities and Counties

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation – Report of Compliance – Failla Dwelling Block 25, Lot 2.03

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation – Rescission of Stop Construction Order Bunker Hill Homes Block 22, Lot 17

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

Water Testing Results from QC Laboratories for the Old Fairview School and he Kingwood Park

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed. She reviewed that the Old Fairview School results were good numbers and tested to be safe. The samples from the home at the Park on Union Road was a good reading, expect for the standard plate count, which contains a form of bacteria. Mrs. Kratzer stated that she has been trying to contact the lab to ask questions about the results. Mrs. Niemann would like to find out if the pavilion needs to be tested separately. Secretary Brown explained it is all from the same well.

**Reports**

N/A

**Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review**

N/A

**Old Business**

Conservation Plan Survey

Mrs. Kratzer reported that Lois Voronin is not present to review.

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

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed, also stated that the Committee will not be applying for a grant this year.

**New Business**

End of the Year Report

Chairwoman Kratzer would like to have a draft done for the first meeting in January of an overview of everything the Committee has accomplished in 2007.

Schedule a date for a Reorganization Meeting for January 2008

It was discussed and agreed to change the meetings for the Environmental Commission to the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. The meeting to be scheduled and advertised for the Reorganization meeting will be on January 22, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Budget Request Review

The Commission members reviewed the itemized list of what was spent in 2007. They will be submitting a request for the same amount they requested last year - \$1,000.00.

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mrs. McNicol and carried to schedule a Reorganization meeting to be on January 22, 2008 to begin at 8:00 P.M., and the meeting dates for the Environmental Commission for 2008 will be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 8:00 P.M.

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

**Open Space**

Sandy McNicol – Reports on December 6, 2007 - Open Space/Agriculture meeting.

Sandy McNicol explained that the Open Space Committee wrote a letter of request to the Township Committee for a Bond Ordinance to be done. She read aloud the Ordinance that has been adopted. Mrs. McNicol also reviewed how the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees would like to expand the amount of members for their committees. This will be taken to the Township Committee as a request. Mrs. McNicol reviewed how the Township will be participating in the spraying of the Gypsy Moths, and depending on federal funding for this project this may cost the Township up to \$7,000. The Township is required to commit by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Joseph Zgurzynski reviewed the many different chemicals in the spray that is used for the Gypsy Moth Project. He feels that the spray is not harmful. The Township road department will be assisting in the project. There were no objections from the Environmental Commission as far as the Gypsy Moth Project to be conducted.

There was a lengthy discussion on the following subjects:

Properties that have been preserved by the Hunterdon Land Trust.  
Subdivision at the Ukarish property, and future plans with Habitate for Humanity for that property.  
The natural gas pipeline being installed along Route 12 was also discussed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia L. Brown**  
**Secretary**