

**KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 22, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:20 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 2008. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building in January 2008.**

**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:** Deborah Kratzer      Anthony Hauck  
Lois Voronin                Sandra McNicol  
Sal DeSapio (arrived at 8:25 PM)  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Elaine Niemann

**Absent:** Daniel DeFrancesco  
Joseph Zgurzynski  
Walter Warneski

**Minutes**

Approval of March 25, 2008 Environmental Commission Minutes

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked to put minutes of March 25, 2008 on the agenda for May 27, 2008 to be approved, since there are not enough members present at this time.

**Correspondence**

Hunterdon County Parks Earth Day

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

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Delaware RiverKeeper Network Native Plant Sale

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

College of New Jersey Global Warming Summit

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Dave Street's Clean Communities Programs

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Elaine Niemann commented found out that this was a good program. She commented that we have money in our Clean Communities account and would be more than happy to set up a table at Community Day for this program.

Copy of letter to the HC Board of Chosen Freeholders

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Fax from Franklin Township – Re: ANJEC Grant

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She will contact Franklin Township and give them the information on the Township's ERI.

**Reports**

Notice of Violation and Offer of Settlement – AA&G Builders – Block 24, Lot 2.04, 2.06, 2.07

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol also noted that this property is located on Bellis Lane, off of Barbertown Point Breeze Road. There was a discussion on the violation and the L.O.I. report.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District notice ( Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Letter) Re: Yard Properties, LLC Site Plan, Block 17, Lot 16.04

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. There was a further discussion on what is currently going on at the property. Also stated that the new owner plans to construct the area for a business that he plans to have at that location.

Letter from the DEP – Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification Case # 08-03-27-1105-13 Location of description 115 Fairview Road (Block 28, Lot 5)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review**

N/A

**Old Business**

Possible joint meeting with Alexandria Township with ANJEC speaker in the fall

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted speaking with Alexandria Township. They would be willing to meet in the fall of 2008.

Volunteers for completing EC Objectives for 2008

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol reviewed the Forestry Plan. She noted that the Township Committee passed a resolution naming Mr. Alphaugh as the Township's Forester for the program. She stated that she will be notified by Mr. Alphaugh, and after meeting with him she will be able to submit a plan. Mrs. McNicol suggested to have Mr. Alphaugh speak at a Environmental meeting in the near future. She will contact someone from the Parks and Recreation Commission to let them know not to purchase any trees as of yet until the plan is complete.

Open Space- Sandra McNicol to help out with the Conservation Plan. She noted that they should look into the importance as an Environmental Commission for the Plan. A discussion of a septic ordinance was reviewed. The Commission would like to carry this to next month to discuss

Anthony Hauck noted that he would like to work on the ground water.

Cynthia Niciecki will be working on the recycling.

Lois Voronin will be in charge of the well testing and septic cleaning for Community Day.

ElizabethTown Gas Co. (Map of Plans for Construction)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. To be discussed at the May 27, 2008 meeting. The Committee reviewed the map and the plans for construction and the wetland areas along Route 12. There was a lengthy discussion about the inspecting of the pipe line after earth movement or other natural happening.

Conservation Plan Element revised draft

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She noted that she will be meeting with Angela Clerico from the Planners office on April 29. There was a discussion on the objectives for the Conservation Plan Element. Chairwoman D. Kratzer asked the Commission members to review the Plan and send comments to her before April 25, 2008.

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### Environmental Resource Inventory draft revision

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the draft ERI. She noted that there are maps included. She asked the members to send her their comments and review and bring them to the next meeting in May.

Anthony Hauck suggest when the Township obtains the property on Horsebend Road for a park, that the Environmental Commission walk through the area and make recommendations to the Township Committee.

### Recycling Schedule – A volunteer needed for Saturday, May 10, 2008

Lois Voronin and Elaine Neimann volunteered to possibly be at the recycling for May. Cynthia Niciecki reviewed how the last recycling Saturday went and also talked about how the Boy Scouts could pick up garbage and recycle once a month. She also reviewed the monthly tonnage and metal reports. It was suggested that the local Key Club at the High School may want to volunteer at recycling.

### New Business

#### ANJEC press release samples – recycling, energy, rain gardens

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She would like to see a press release put into the local newspaper. Debbie to work on press release. She would like this to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### EC Site Plan Review: Board of Adjustment Application Block 12 Lots 16 & 58

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed a summary of the project. Maps and plans were available to view of the minor subdivision. The zoning, wetlands, soil series, vegetation areas and geology of the property were discussed. Member Sal DeSapio explained the location of the churches and the fact that they are prohibited in a commercial zone. The water tables were discussed and it defined what type of septic system that they installed.

### Open Space

#### Sandy McNicol – Reports on Open Space Advisory/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting from April 3, 2008.

Sandy McNicol reviewed a discussion that was about the new park to be purchased on Horse Bend Road. The Committees' also talked about the current farm ordinance and how they would like to address the Planning Board with new ideas and questions about amending the ordinance. The properties to be preserved and parties that were interested in preserving were also discussed.

Sandy McNicol handed out VC1 and VC2 zoning for Village Commercial District for the Commission to review.

### Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

**Adjournment**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

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