

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:06 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 8:12 PM)
Cynthia Niciecki Walter Warneski
Elaine Niemann

Absent: Daniel DeFrancesco
Joseph Zgurzynski

Minutes

Approval of March 25, 2008 Environmental Commission Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Walt Warneski and carried the motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2008 and place on file.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE - Deborah Kratzer Lois Voronin Sandra McNicol Sal DeSapio Walter Warneski	NAY - None	ABSTAIN – Anthony Hauck Cynthia Niciecki
			ABSENT - Joseph Zgurzynski Daniel DeFrancesco

Conservation Element of the Master Plan

Chairwoman D. Kratzer gave an update. She stated that Angela Clerico is working on comments that the Environmental Commission gave her, and will take them to the Planning Board. Angela Clerico will have a power point presentation to review the comments.

Environmental Resource Inventory UPDATE – Comments

Chairwoman D. Kratzer asked the Commission for their comments on the ERI.

Lois Voronin commented that D. Kratzer did an excellent job. She also commented that on page#8, the discussion on the events that led up to the flood of April 2005, may be a very sensitive, controversial topic as presented. Mrs. Voronin also had questions to D. Kratzer about the figures on the ground water recharge rate. D. Kratzer responded by explaining the color chart. Sandra McNicol suggested that maybe the County has maps that are of some help to show the ground water recharge rate. The commission had a lengthy discussion on the fact that they feel there should be another alternate map. Anthony Hauck noted that he knows a gentleman named Dave Hall, from the New Jersey Geological Survey. He recommended that D. Kratzer contact him to talk to him about the maps. D. Kratzer noted that there needs to be a deadline for the ERI draft comments. She also stated that the Planning Board needs to get this and comment. It was discussed that the deadline for comments will be by the night of the Planning Board meeting on June 10, 2008. They would like Planning Board Secretary to send all members of her board an e-mail that they should have their comments by the 10th, of June.

Recycling Update and Schedule a volunteer for Saturday, June 14, 2008

Cynthia Niciecki reported that everything is going very well. D. Kratzer asked if anyone would like to volunteer for recycling for Saturday, June 14, 2008. Anthony Hauck state he will try to be there for that day. Sandra McNicol reported on recycling all types of batteries, and thought the commission could add some of the new ideas for Kingwood. C. Niciecki reported on the tonnage report, and noted that the recycling tonnage has doubled from last year. Fifty percent of the normal household garbage should be recycled. She also reported on a meeting that she attended for the County round table.

Elizabethtown Gas Co.

Elaine Niemann noted that she will call them to confirm the quality of their work under roadway and streams.

ANJEC Press Release Samples – recycling, energy, rain gardens

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed and suggested to customize a release for Kingwood. Elaine Niemann offered to work on something for the website and the newspaper.

EC Subdivision review – schedule subcommittee meeting for review of site plans – offer to rotate members of subcommittee/EC Site Inspections (Site Walks) procedures

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed a letter that Sandra McNicol prepared to hand to the Township Committee. The letter is on behalf of the Environment Commission asking authorization to conduct as part of the “site plan and subdivision review” forms that prepare the Planning Board, to conduct site plan inspections of a proposed subdivision.

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She explains that currently, a three member subcommittee of the Environmental Commission, conducts a meeting to review a subdivision application, using the "site plan and subdivision review form, created by the Commission from an ANJEC model and the Kingwood Township Environmental Resource Inventory as reference.

The Commission discussed that this letter to be sent to the Planning Board for authorization and copied to the Township Committee members.

It was moved by Cynthia Niciecki, seconded by Anthony Hauck and carried the motion to authorize that this letter, which was written by Sandra McNicol, be submitted to the Planning Board attorney.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Elaine Niemann reviewed speaking with a gentleman from the Clean Communities Program. She stated that he is available to come and perform for the crowd on our Community Day in September. He is a performer who is displaying the healthy ways for the environment. Mrs. Niemann noted that the Township's clean community funds will be able to fund this nice program for Community Day. She explained that he will be available to do two shows, at 35 minutes a show on that day. The charge is about \$650.00 for the day. Mrs. Niemann expressed that the Township has \$15,000 to use on clean community funds. She also said that it is difficult finding ways to use these funds. When the Boy Scouts are doing community service, the Township is only allowed to give them \$250.00 for a project at a time.

New Business

Septic Ordinance Review

Anthony Hauck handed out to all the Commissioners a piece of correspondence he had received when attending an ANJEC Septic Management for Clean Water Seminar. He also handed out a homeowner's manual for septic systems all the members. He reviewed what the workshop covered, as far as water quality. He expressed that he feels it is really great that there is a joint subcommittee with the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board.

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Reports on Open Space Advisory/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting from May 1, 2008

Sandy McNicol reported.

The Commission reviewed maps and wetland areas of property - Block 39, Lot 7 and where the dwelling will be built.

Chairwoman Kratzer would like to discuss the projects planning for Community Day at the June meeting.

Chairwoman Kratzer read the flyer for the picnic for volunteers.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

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It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Nieciecki and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 P.M. All Voted Aye on **Roll Call Vote**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller, RMC
(Formerly Cynthia L. Brown)
Secretary