

# **KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2008**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah 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 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  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Elaine Niemann

**Absent:** Daniel DeFrancesco  
Joseph Zgurzyski  
Sal DeSapio  
Walter Warneski

### **Minutes**

#### **Approval of May 27, 2008 Environmental Commission Minutes**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to approve the minutes of May 27, 2008 with the following corrections and place on file.

Corrections: Page#3 Under Elizabethtown Gas Co. – replace roadway and insert (driveway).  
Page#4 Under Septic Ordinance Review – replace Planning Board with Board of Health.

**Roll Call Vote: AYE - Deborah Kratzer      NAY - None      ABSTAIN – None**  
**Lois Voronin**  
**Sandra McNicol**  
**Cynthia Niciecki**  
**Anthony Hauck**

**ABSENT - Joseph Zgurzynski**  
**Daniel DeFrancesco**  
**Sal DeSapio**  
**Walt Warneski**

**Correspondence**

**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Certification – Block 19, Lot 4 Agulis Pole Barn**

Sandra McNicol reviewed. The property is located on Route 519.

**Letter from the Hunterdon County Engineer re: Application for a permit or approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – Property: Hunterdon County Culvert K-137, Union Road Block 19 & 20, Lot 8 & 3**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed. There was a brief discussion about the bridge culvert K-137.

**Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist – re: Brian and Susan Pratt – Block 40 Lot 22.02**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

**Letter of Interpretation – Richard and Christine Bulizak, Block 8, Lot 17**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed. The property is located on Oak Grove Road.

**Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification – Block 17, Lot 16.04 Barbertown Point Breeze Road, Application: Richard Yard**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

**Letter from the N.J.D.E.P. in reference to a Flood Hazard Applicability Determination – Application Anthony Mesce**

The Commission members reviewed. D. Kratzer will contact the D.E.P. to inform them of the correction that needs to be made on the creek name, Lockatong, not Hockatong.

**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Heather and Edward Wolven – Block 33, Lot 6.02 (Report of Compliance)**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed. The property is located on Route 519.

**County Soil Conservation District – Kingwood Auto Repair – Block 6, Lot 24 (Incomplete Application)**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed. There was a brief discussion on the relocation of the business off Route 12.

**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Confirmation of 48 Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Block 19, Lot 4 Agulis Pole Barn**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Grasso Dwelling – Block 25, Lot 7.10 ( Stop Construction Order)**

Sandra McNicol noted that the property is located on Kingwood Locktown Road.

**Subdivision Application – Block 9, Lot 13, John Schlachter, 50 Oak Grove Road**

The Planning Board has not reviewed this yet. This is located on the south side of Lower Oak Grove Road. This is a Class I minor subdivision. A subcommittee which consists of: Lois Voronin, Sandra McNicol, Debbie Kratzer and Cynthia Niciecki will meet on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. to review the above application. The Environmental Commission will review at their meeting in July.

**Letter to Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer from Attorney David Pierce re: Rt. 12 Properties, LLC and Kingwood Township Well Ordinance**

Chairwoman D. Kratzer explained a letter she sent to Attorney David Pierce in reference to the Well Ordinance and its clarification of the applicability. A chart given to all the Commission members to review from David Pierce. The letter explained the applicability and timing for types of water use. It was noted that the Township's well ordinance needs to be clarified and modified. This will be reviewed by the Township's well committee.

**Applicability and Timing of Types of Water Use and Daily Demand Value – Kingwood Township Well Ordinance**

Commission members reviewed examples of correspondence of types of water and use and daily demand value. Mr. Hauck would like to thank everyone for all their participation to make the positive changes to the well ordinance.

**Project for Community Day, September 20, rain date to be September 21, 2008**

Mrs. Niemann explained that their will be a speaker/entertainer for children for recycling and clean communities who will be performing a couple shows on Community Day. She would like to see a press release in reference to the entertainer for that day in the local newspaper.

Lois Voronin arranged for well testing and septic cleaning for Kingwood Township residents to sign up on Community Day for a program that will allow resident to have these done at a low cost. Mrs. Voronin received prices for both programs, which will be advertised and made known to residents of Kingwood Township.

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to move the motion to accept QC Labs and Russell Reid Disposal for the Community Day programs.

**Roll Call Vote:    AYE - Deborah Kratzer            NAY - None            ABSTAIN – None**  
**Lois Voronin**  
**Sandra McNicol**  
**Cynthia Niciecki**  
**Anthony Hauck**

**ABSENT - Joseph Zgurzynski**  
**Daniel DeFrancesco**  
**Sal DeSapio**  
**Walt Warneski**

### **Reports**

#### **Environmental Commission Site Plan/Subdivision Review Re: BDAC, LLC Block 23, Lot 17**

Commission and Planning Board member Sandra McNicol noted that this has been deemed complete. This subdivision is located on Barbertown Point Breeze Road. She noted that farming will continue on the property.

#### **QC Laboratories – Analytical report for the Park building**

Chairman Debbie Kratzer reviewed test results. Mrs. Kratzer would also like to contact the Parks and Recreation Committee about the quarterly reports.

#### **Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review**

N/A

### **Old Business**

#### **“Update on Wild and Scenic Lower Delaware River Management Committee”**

Sandra McNicol reviewed a meeting she attended for the above named Committee, which was held on June 16, 2008. She explained that there were a few problems with setting up the structure of the organization. It now consists of a chair from NJ, a chair from PA and vice chairpersons from each state, the treasurer will be the Delaware River Greenway Partnership. The funds will come from the National Parks Service, and the Delaware River Greenway will distribute the funds. The secretary will be the River Administrator. Several people from many municipalities attended the meeting. S. McNicol explained that she is going to be the vice co-chair for the State of New Jersey. The co-chair will be a representative from Nockamixon Township, Alexandria Township, and Upper Black Eddy. She explained that the next meeting will be in September. Lois Voronin would like Sandra to contact the members by e-mail of the meeting places and dates. Sandra McNicol announced there will be a gathering at the Giving Pond over the Frenchtown bridge in Pennsylvania if anyone is interested. There will be a celebration of the Delaware Greenway Partnerships 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 8:30 A.M.

**Memorandum of Agreement with Magnesium Elektron Inc. Update**

Elaine Nieman suggested going over the material with Debbie Kratzer at a meeting the following evening.

**Recycling Update – Cynthia Niciecki**  
**Schedule – A volunteer for Saturday, July 12, 2008**

Cynthia Niciecki thanked Anthony Hauck for helping at recycling in June. She reported that all is going very well. She is concerned about residents throwing things that do not belong in the bins. She put up signs indicating not to throw items that do not belong. She also reviewed the tonnage plans for the future and how it will be easier for the Township. Cynthia reviewed the County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting which she attended. Cynthia also noted that the Hunterdon County Board of Health will add on to their checklist a line for recycling for food establishments, encouraging them to recycle.

**New Business**

**Letter from ANJEC**

Chairwoman Deb Kratzer explained that the Township did not get approved for funding for the request for the Smart Growth Planning Grant for open space and recreation plan.

Also the CARE grant the Township was working on did not get funded.

**Reminder – Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Environmental Considerations in Site Plan Review**  
**Training Course at the Municipal Building – Beginning at 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Conference Room**

Sandra McNicol explained a letter she wrote to Attorney David Pierce in reference to the Environmental Commission and Site Inspections. The letter was dated on June 12, 2008. She noted that Mr. Pierce responded with a letter on June 18, 2008. She explained attached to her letter was information under item #1 Permission to walk the site, an escrow agreement is required to be signed. It grants permission for the board and its members and professional staff to inspect the property. She noted that rather than having a special waiver this will be retyped by including the Environmental Commission. As far as notification, the Commission shall notify the attorney before walking the site. Sandra feels the Environmental Commission should have clarification from the Board of Adjustment on whether the Commission members should review every item that is submitted.

Chairwoman Deb Kratzer reminded all members of the Site Plan Review Training Course to be held at the Municipal Building, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Elaine Niemann noted that she will be attending a grant writing Webinar, and will inform all Commission members on what she obtained.

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed a flyer on a Summer 2008 Wind Energy Symposium. She noted that the registration must be filed by July 7, 2008 to assure a spot. This symposium is designed to help municipalities harness wind energy to reduce energy costs and will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas among scholars, practitioners, and vendors of wind energy technologies, rebates, and incentives from State and Federal agencies.

**Open Space**

**Sandy McNicol – Reports on Open Space Advisory/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting from June 5, 2008**

Sandy McNicol reported. Some topics reviewed at the open space/agriculture meeting were; Clark property, Equestrian Village, and Deer Run.

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

N/A

**Estate and Land left to Township**

Committeewoman E. Niemann announced to all the members that Helen Gergar, a long time resident of Kingwood Township who passed away recently, left her entire property and home to the Township. She explained that Helen requested that her land still be farmed, and preserved.

Chairwoman D. Kratzer noted that there were no comments from the Planning Board on the Resource Inventory. Also it was noted to add updated maps that are to be preserved and send the names to Liz Schmid the Township's Open Space/Farmland Coordinator.

Sandra McNicol shared some interesting environmental information about the count of shad in the river. There was a count of 74 shad caught this season over a nine week period. She shared stories of the redknot birds and the horseshoe crabs.

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 P.M. **All Voted Aye on Roll Call Vote**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia L. Keller  
Environmental Commission  
Secretary**