

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes October 28, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:12 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
Lois Voronin
Sandra McNicol
Cynthia Niciecki
Elaine Niemann

Absent: Sal DeSapio
Daniel DeFrancesco
Joseph Zgurzyski
Anthony Hauck
Walter Warneski

Minutes

Approval of August 26, 2008 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted a correction to be made on the minutes of August 26, 2008. The correction is on (Page#3 – Last sentence on the page – to replace the word (maybe) for (is). **The correction is under the title: Letter from ECC Environmental Risk Management Services – Baseline Ecological Evaluation/No Further Action Request – Williamson- Barbertown Garage, 615 County Road 519.**

The sentence should read as follows:

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Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed and noted this is a garage near Baptistown. The owner, maybe trying to clean up the site for resale.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of August 26, 2008 for the Environmental Commission with the above corrections and place on file.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Certification – Block 8, Lot 25.13 Rabosky Dwelling

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Confirmation of 48-Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Block 8, Lot 25.13 Rabosky Dwelling

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Okay to Issue Building Permit – Block 19, Lot 14.07

Pearson Subdivision

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Recertification – Block 17, Lot 16.04 Yard Properties, LLC Site Plan

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Confirmation of 48-Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Block 17, Lot 16.04 Yard Properties, LLC Site Plan

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Incomplete Application – Block 23, Lot 11 & 11.01 Perrotti Major Subdivision

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Letter – Block 23, Lot 11 & 11.01 Perrotti Major Subdivision

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Certification – Block 6, Lot 24 Kingwood Auto Repair

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Letter – Block 13, Lot 13.01 Antiskay Minor Subdivision

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Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Certification – Block 13, Lot 13.01 Antiskay- Minor Subdivision

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Conditional Recertification – Block 25, Lot 2.04, Wood Dwelling

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Report of Compliance – Block 29, Lot 22.01, Nutrend Dwelling

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed all of the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District Reports/Letter.

The members did not have any questions on these properties.

Copy of letter from the NJDEP – re: suspected hazardous substance discharge notification – case#08-09-11-1347-10

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Copy of letter from the NJDEP – re: suspected hazardous substance discharge notification – case#08-10-09-1532-24

There was an incident reported at 500 Point Breeze Road at the Magnesium Elektron Inc. facility. It was noted that there was an equipment upset, and a liner in the reservoir was torn, containing 200,000 gallons of waste water. Magnesium's leak detection showed that there is no leak at this time. The Commission members discussed the leak and how would anyone determine if this was concluded or not. Elaine Niemann suggested asking the residents that live near by the site, if they would be interested in researching this more to help assist. Lois Voronin mentioned that it might be a good idea to ask the residents, along with the representatives from M.E.I to come to a public meeting to discuss the problem like they used to do years ago. Chairwoman Kratzer noted that she has tried to contact M.E.I, but they never returned her call. Elaine Niemann would like to reach out and contact a representative from M.E.I., and if there is no response, she suggested maybe to send out a mailing to open the dialog on M.E.I. by compiling information to better the health and safety of the Community.

There was also a discussion on the test wells of the homes near M.E.I. It was noted that the wells were not secured and none of the test results were sent to the Environmental Commission.

Copy of letter from the NJDEP – Notice of Deficiency – 285 Barbertown Idell Road SRP PI#300181

The Commission members discussed the deficiencies.

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Notice from the Hunterdon County Planning Board – Save the Date: September 30, 2008 County Hosts Public Informational Roundtable. Topic: Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan

Sandra McNicol noted that she attend the meeting of September 30, 2008. She explained that there were two people from the N.J.D.E.P. there. She said that each municipality will have to file a Waste Water Management Plan, with on site septic systems and sewers. The project plan must be submitted by Aril 7, 2009, to the N.J.D.E.P. The County will be applying for a NJDEP Grant. Mr. Ken Bogan, will be the contact person for Kingwood. He will be in touch with Kingwood Township to meet for a joint meeting. There was talk of creating an Advisory Committee for the Waste Water Management Plan. It was noted that Kingwood had a plan started at one time. West Amwell is the only Township in the area to have a W.W.M. Plan. On December 3rd, 2008 there will be a breakfast meeting on the W.W.M, Plan with several departments from the County and the NJDEP. A liaison for Kingwood Township will attend.

Letter from the NJDEP – re: Site Remediation Program Office of Community Relations

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed. She noted that the Commission could go on the website to obtain the information.

Save the date: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 – On Site Septic Disposal Seminar

Several members will be attending: Elaine Nieman, Sandra McNicol, and the Township's Engineer will be attending the 6:00 PM session, and Anthony Hauck the 2:00 PM session.

Reports

Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist – Applicant, Charles Kirk, 4 Garden Place, Flemington NJ 08822 – Block 17, Lot 17 application for a permit or approval to the NJDEP.

Sandra McNicole reviewed this site, and noted that this is located on Barbertown Point Breeze Road.

Kingwood Twp. 2008 Certified Septic Totals

The members reviewed the septic totals. They would like to know more on the septic systems of homes that are having issues or repairs in Kingwood. They are also interested if the septic systems are being installed properly. The Commission asked the Secretary to find out from the Board of Health Secretary Diane Laudenbach, if she has a log of all septic installments, issues and repairs.

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Notice from MEI – Quarterly Homeowners Well Sampling Results for June thru August 2008

The members viewed samples, for Block 17, Lot 6.02. They noted that the sodium levels are up since the last report of March – May 2008. The Commission members would like to see all of the reports on a spreadsheet. There was a suggestion to ask a student from one of the schools to do a project and work on a sampling spreadsheet of results for the Environmental Commission.

QC Laboratories – Analytical Report – Test on 9-23-08 at the Kingwood Township Park

The members reviewed.

QC Laboratories – Analytical Report – Test on 10-06-08 at the Kingwood Township Park

The members reviewed.

Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review

N/A

Old Business

Lois Voronin reports on Community Day

Lois Voronin noted that it was a great turn out for well and septic sign ups. The numbers were about 72 residents for septic cleaning, and about 30 signed up for water testing. This number was much larger than last years amounts. Everyone commented on the great job Sandra McNicol and her husband did on the recycling display for Community Day. It displayed what can and cannot be recycled. Everyone thanked Sandra for the great job.

New Business

Environmental Endowment for New Jersey, Inc. 2009 Grant Guidelines – Deadline Monday Dec 15, 2008

They reviewed what they would need to provide to apply, and what the grant would go towards. The Commission discussed how it would be a good project for the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. Elaine Niemann explained how there are three children in the seventh grade that are working for 15 hours on streams on the Lockatong Creek. Todd Kratzer of Kingwood Township met with the children to guild them, and to make other children aware of how important it is to take care of the environment and the streams.

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Elaine Niemann will speak with Mr. Kratzer to see if he will talk to the children to build a foundation for a grant opportunity.

**Recycling Update – Cynthia Niciecki reports
Schedule – A volunteer needed for Saturday, November 8, 2008**

Lois Voronin volunteered to be there on November 8.

Cindy Niciecki thanked all the members for covering for her on Community Day. She also noted that the containers for recycling have been moved outside, due to the rock salt for the roads stored in the barn. She noted that she and her husband go to the recycling center in Kingwood several times a week. Cindy reported that she attended the Solid Waste County meeting. She also worked on a report for Kingwoods recycling and handed it into the County. She explained that the position of Recycling Coordinator for the Township is getting a little more involved and takes up a lot of time. She noted that all Recycling Coordinators must take a 21 day training course, and become certified, this will be a requirement of the State for the year 2009. She said the County suggests shared services for all the municipalities.

Site Plan Application – Gross – Block 5, Lot 4

Sandra McNicol, who is a member of the Planning Board noted that this application has been completed.

Subdivision Application – Walter Mironchik – Block 19, Lot 8 – Minor subdivision

Sandra McNicol, who is a member of the Planning Board noted that this application has been completed.

Subdivision Application – Bunker Hill – Block 22, Lot 17 – Amendment to Prior Approval / Plat available for review

Sandra McNicol, who is a member of the Planning Board noted that this application has been completed.

Preliminary and Final Site Plan - Joel and Rosemary Gross – Block 5, Lot 4

Sandra McNicol, who is a member of the Planning Board noted that this application has been completed.

Subdivision Application and Plats available for review – Perrotti – Block 23, Lots 11 & 11.01

Sandra McNicol explained this may be ready to review at next months meeting in November.

Sandra McNicol talked about an application that came to the Planning Board. It is an application by a resident who has a business on Route 519, and would like to move it to State Hwy. 12. The zoning for the property is in a AR-2 Zone, and he would like to recommend that the zoning be changed to Highway Commercial. He would like the zoning ordinance to be amended in that area. It was noted that this resident would like to put up a very large building, while moving all of his large equipment to the property.

The Environmental Commission decided it would be a good idea to write down their comments about this situation and form a subcommittee to work on it together and discuss their ideas, and then approve the report of comments at the next Environmental Commission meeting in November. The list of comments and suggestions will then be submitted to the Planning Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

Environmental Resource Inventory Update

Chairwoman Kratzer noted that the ERI is not completed.

Update on the Forestry Grant

Sandra McNicol noted that she is waiting to speak with the forester to find out what Kingwood needs to prepare to do.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol – Reports on Open Space Meeting of October 2, 2008

Sandra McNicol reviewed meeting of October 2, 2008. She reviewed some of the properties that are in the process of being preserved. She noted that a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, Richard Dodds researched and obtained contaminated site information for the properties in Kingwood Township from the N.J.D.E.P. Sandra McNicol offered if anyone is interested in a copy of the information she will provide them with a copy.

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Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

Elaine Niemann mentioned a program that is available for municipalities and also schools, it is called the New Jersey Smart Start Building.

At approximately 10:45 P.M. it was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller, RMC
Secretary, Environmental Commission