

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes November 25, 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
Lois Voronin
Sandra McNicol
Cynthia Niciecki
Elaine Niemann
Sal DeSapio (Arrived at 8:12 PM)
Anthony Hauck

Absent: Walter Warneski
Daniel DeFrancesco
Joseph Zgurzyski

Minutes

Approval of October 28, 2008 Environmental Commission Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of October 28, 2008 Environmental Commission and place on file.

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

Correspondence

Letter and CD from the N.J.D.E.P. Community Right to Know program providing a CD

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She will review the CD and see if there are any concerns that the Environmental Commission shall review.

Letter from ANJEC re: 2009 Planning Grants for NJ Municipalities and Counties

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed, and explained this is the same type of grant that funded the Conservation Element. She noted that the Township was awarded the grant in 2007, and is now just getting the Conservation Element Plan completed. In 2008 the Township applied to request for a grant for an Open Space and Recreation Plan, which did not get funded. Mrs. Kratzer explained that this is just a heads up to see if the Township is interested in setting aside money for a grant for 2009. Mrs. Niemann explained that the Planning Board will be talking about an Open Space and Recreation Plan for the year 2009. Sandra McNicol noted that it may be a good idea to apply for something other than for the Master Plan. The Commission would like to have this on the agenda for next month.

Notice of Violation from the NJDEP re: Block 23, Lot 11 Irma Perrotti, John Perrotti County Rd 519

Sandra McNicol noted that this is located along Route 519. She explained that this will be before the Planning Board possibly next month in December, as a major subdivision.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and asked if there were any comments. No comments from the Commission.

Letter of Certification – Gross Farm Barn & Indoor Riding Arena –Block 5, Lot 4

Letter of Certification – Gross Residence

Report of Compliance – Wood Dwelling, Block 25, Lot 2.04

Joseph and Robin Kenney – Bock 10, Lot 8, Delaware Twp. Block 27, Lot 10, Kingwood Twp.

Confirmation of 48-Hour notification of land disturbance – DeSapio Farm Stockpile – Block 7, Lot 7.01

REPORTS

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki – Volunteer for December 13

Mrs. Niciecki reported that she spoke to Mr. Fred Finch from Raritan Valley Disposal. He sent Cynthia a list of items that they are now accepting and not accepting in the recycling bins. He also sent a list of what the preparation for disposing the items would be, before they are put into the bins. Cynthia read off the items accepted and not accepted.

Accepted paper: Magazines, junk mail, envelopes, newspaper, brochures, writing/typing paper, computer paper, books and canceled checks, pizza box – without the wax paper.

Not Accepted paper: Wet, waxed or soiled paper, used paper towels and plates and carbon paper.

Preparation: Clean, dry, paper into the bins.

Accepted Cardboard: Corrugated boxes, paper tubs, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, file folders, poster board.

Not accepted: Wet, soiled or waxed cardboard, wax coated beverage containers.

Preparation: Flatten Boxes, remove plastic or wax paper liners and all materials.

Accepted Glass: Juice pop, soda, and water bottles, beer, wine and food jars.

Not accepted: Light bulbs, window glass, drinking glasses, or mirrors.

Preparation: Remove lids, rinse to remove all residue, no broken glass.

Accepted Metal: Tin food cans, aluminum foil, aluminum tin cans, metal utensils (Wire, copper, brass) our recycling the people put them aside.

Not accepted: cans with chemicals, paints, aerosol spray cans, appliances, power tools, batteries. (Batteries accepted at our recycling in a separate bin.

Preparation: Empty, rinse cans, remove food residue, remove labels from tin cans.

Plastic accepted: #'s 1 – 7 - Milk bottles, juice, soap, soft drinks.

Not accepted: Containers used by chemicals or automobile rubber products, styrofoam cups, packing materials, photo graphic film, plastic bags, poly vital sheeting, heat shrink wrap.

Preparation: Rinse container to remove all residue.

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Cynthia thanked Lois Voronin for volunteering this month at recycling.

Debbie Kratzer and Elaine Niemann offered to volunteer on December 13, 2008 Saturday, recycling, 9:00 – 12:00 P.M. It was suggested that a list of what is now accepted and not accepted to be handed out to all the residents on that day. Elaine Niemann suggested adding to the plastic list – children’s toys not to be accepted.

Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review

N/A

Old Business

New Business

Site Plan application – Block 40, and 41 – Lot 25, and 13 – David Hewitt/Sarah Phillips, Minor Subdivision

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol explained that it is a lot line adjustment, and that they did not get approval yet. The Commission reviewed the plans.

ACTION ITEMS:

DEP – Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 08-10-22-1024-10 500 Point Breeze Road – MEI - Re: Letter to MEI from the Township Committee, Committee woman Elaine Niemann reports

Elaine Niemann reported having a conversation with Mr. Basil Homa, Manager of Health and Safety representative from MEI. They spoke about the test wells around the surrounding properties in the vicinity of MEI to verify if any contamination had spread. The Mr. Homa will look into the results of these tests and get back to Mrs. Niemann. Mrs. Niemann explained that the Environmental Commission would like to meet with him to speak to him and they would be willing to meet at anytime. Anthony Hauck commented on several tests he had completed in that area. He noted that he could recommend to MEI where to put in another well.

Anthony Hauck stated that he would like to stay involved in the Commission as an associate member, but not as an official member as of the new year.

Sal DeSapio would like to know how often MEI inspects the liner, and who is in charge. The Commission members thanked Elaine Niemann for contacting the representative from MEI.

Environmental Resource Inventory Update

Not completed yet. Debbie Kratzer is still working on the project.

Update on the Forestry Grant

Sandra McNicol noted that it is still coming along.

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

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. This will be looked into for next year 2009.

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

Debbie Kratzer handed out the site plan review comments for the Errickson, Route 12, Block 12, Lot 8. She noted that there was a subcommittee meeting review about this lot, and submitted their comments to the Township’s Planning Board. The Commission reviewed what the subcommittee reviewed on the site plan. Sandra McNicol explained that she did a site visit of the property and explained what she saw and what was going on as far as what was being repaired. She noted that Mr. Errickson gave her a thorough review of what was on the property.

2009 Budget Request

The Commission members reviewed what was spent last year and what they may need for next year.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to approve the amount of \$1,750.00 to be requested for year 2009.

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

Waste water Management Plan for the Township

Mrs. Niemann explained that a subcommittee was formed for the waste water management plan, and they met last week and will be going to the December 3rd, 2008 update meeting. She noted that they gathered the data that they feel the County needs in order to update the maps. The members of the subcommittee are: Elaine Niemann, Diana Haywood, Tom Decker, David Banisch, and David Gill the tax assessor has been very helpful with providing maps for the subcommittee.

Updates on septic systems in the Township

Secretary Keller reviewed and noted that she will provide the commission with correspondence of updates of septic repairs when the Township's Board of Health receives them.

Annual report/newsletter – Suggestions, Outlines, and Draft Articles for Inclusion

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked everyone to submit their suggestions and give to Secretary Keller for the December 16th, meeting. Cynthia Niciecki will write a article for recycling. Anthony Hauck feels that the children should be educated, and that it is the most important thing is to teach them to have respect for the environment.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol – Reports on Open Space Meeting of November 6, 2008

Sandra McNicol reviewed the meeting of November 6th. She noted that she contacted Kate Buttoff from the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance to find out information for the Open Space Committee. She found out that they are well along with the Middleton/Rameros property, which is off of Ridge Road and has received final approval from the S.A.D.C. They are anticipating the closing to be in mid November. Sandra also noted that the Clark property is moving along, with a survey to be completed. She explained that the Equestrian Village is no longer in Jim Burkes hands it is in the Counties hands and they are working on the project.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary