

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:08 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 Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on February 5, 2009 and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 28, 2009. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 28, 2009.

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

<u>Present:</u>	Deborah Kratzer	<u>Absent:</u>	Walt Warneski
	Lois Voroinin		Joseph Zgurzynski
	Gail Ashley		
	Cynthia Niciecki		
	Sandra McNicol		
	Mayor Elaine Niemann (arrived at 8:12pm)		
	Nicole Voigt		

MINUTES

Motion and adoption of minutes of February 24, 2009 Reorganization Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried the motion to approve and adopt the minutes of February 24, 2009 Reorganization Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Commission.

It is noted that there was no quorum for the March 24, 2009 meeting of the Environmental Commission.

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Reports

Notice of Violation – Jed Mock, 2758 Daniel Bray Highway – D&R Canal Jogging Path/Delaware River Riparian Zone

The Environmental Commission reviewed.

Notice of Violation – Irma and John Perrotti – Block 23, Lot 11

Sandra McNicol noted that this is a wetlands violation. She explained that they have been coming to the Planning Board Meetings.

Report from MEI – Quarterly Homeowner well sampling results for December 2008 thru February 2009

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Freshwater Wetlands Application: Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultants Dated March 4, 2009 - Re: Mathew Schutz Block 25, Lot 7 & 7.15

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Letter of Interpretation from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultants Dated March 13, 2009 – Block 25, Lot 7.14 Applicant: Matthew Schutz

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Letter from the D.E.P. re: 285 Barbertown-Idell Road, Block 29, Lot 26 (No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue)

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Notice from the D.E.P. re: Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 09-02-18-1608-54 Location: 843 Route 12 – Route 12 Business Park – Substance released: Nitrogen

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Letter from the D.E.P. re: , Block 40, Lot 20.22 - 71 Byram-Kingwood Road Area of Concern: One 550 gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

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Notice from the N.J.D.E.P. re: Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification Program Interest Block 23, Lot 11

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed, and explained that there are maps in the municipal offices available for review.

Letter from the N.J.D.E.P. Re: Progress Report Approval – 35 Byram Kingwood Road (Nelson Mergott)

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Copy of Letter from the N.J.D.E.P. Re: Termination of Memorandum of Agreement for Magnesium Elektron 500 Barbertown Pt. Breeze Rd. from the Bureau of Industrial Site Remediation

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Copy of Letter from the N.J.D.E.P. Re: 81 Whiskey Lane – Notice of Deficiency

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

The following reports were reviewed by the Commission:

Report of Compliance – Our Lady of Victories Church Additions – Block 12, Lot 58

Confirmation of 48-Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Galleria Kingwood Dwelling – Block 34, Lot 10

Letter of Certification: Galleria Minor Subdivision Block 39, Lot 7

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Cynthia Niciecki reviewed a report she had enclosed from the March 24, 2009 Environmental Commission meeting. She also thanked Lois Voronin for volunteering at the last recycling. Cynthia Niciecki noted that she attended a breakfast for a SWAC meeting and discussed what was reviewed. She shared a letter she received from Cub Scout Pack 251 and Wolf Den#1. Cynthia reviewed an update on the tonnage report and explained this should be completed very soon.

Gail Ashley volunteered for Saturday, May 9, Recycling Day at the Garage.

5.

Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Objectives for 2009

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed the objectives and asked everyone to choose, which title list of objective they would like to be involved with and participate in working on these projects. Mrs. Kratzer noted that there has been one change under the title of Outreach/Education, which is to add - Deer Education.

ANJEC – 40th Anniversary – A Short Discription of ERI Due Monday, March 30, 2009

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer noted that Gail Ashley composed the short description of the ERI. Gail Ashley stated that she received a confirmation of receipt for the description she sent and noted that it will be printed in their booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Webinar of March 18, 2009

Mayor Niemann explained that she, and Sandra McNicol attended an orientation on Sustainable Jersey. They expressed that the website is very user friendly.

Cultivation of Land Before Development

The Commission will contact Randi and Eric Scher to obtain more information and ideas on the subject.

Sustainable Jersey Program - Form a “Green Team” 6-7 members

Mayor Niemann noted that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30PM at the Municipal Building to talk about the role the green team will play. She stated that all are invited to sit and listen to the ideas if they would like to come.

MEL Update

Mayor Niemann reviewed the meeting and visit at MEL from Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 5:30 PM. She noted that there were several members from the Environmental Commission that attended the meeting.

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The following are the members who attended the meeting: Joe Zgurzynski, Cynthia Niciecki, Lois Voronin, Sandra McNicol, Gail Ashley, and Elaine Niemann. Present from MEL, was Gavin Evans Plan Manager, and Basil Homa Manager of Environmental Health and Safety, and two individuals from Environ Corp. She explained that they gave a presentation about the company's history and what they have done on site, and what they are working on today. Mayor Niemann explained that it was very informative. She explained that there are several ponds on the property of MEL, which she noted many different situations have occurred with these ponds. There was a very lengthy discussion of the wells located on and off the property and their tested results.

It was discussed that there are about twenty homeowners surrounding MEL and most of their wells are contaminated, and still receive bottled water for their homes paid for by MEL. Mayor Niemann would like to see representatives come to an Environmental Commission meeting in the future. She will be contacting MEL to set up a date.

ACTION ITEMS:

ANJEC 2007 Smart Growth Planning Grant (ERI & Conservation Element)

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer noted speaking with C.F.O. D. Laudenbach in reference to information on the funds to pay several professionals.

ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant (Open Space & Recreation Plan) (Copy of letter sent to Ms. Kerry Miller at Assoc. of N.J. Environmental Commissions)

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer explained that the application for the grant for 2009 has been submitted.

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

N/A

Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed. Elaine Niemann to report update at the next months meeting.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol reports on Meetings of March 5, 2009 and April 2, 2009 Open Space Advisory Committee

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Sandra McNicol noted that on May 2, 2009 scheduled is the town walk/hike located at the old Flagg property, where everyone will be taking a walk through the preserved areas. Mrs. McNicol explained that the plan in the future is to create a trail and walking paths through all the connecting preserved properties. She explained that the Clarke property is currently in the process of being preserved. Mrs. McNicol explained that she attended the Freeholders meeting recently on April 22, 2009, and reviewed the funds that are planned for this year. Mrs. McNicol explained that the Harms property, which is located past the Methodist Church on Route 519, will be also known as the Locketong Preserve. She explained that the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife has taken over care and Stewardship of that property. There will be a hike planned in the fall on this property. She explained that Mr. Richard Dodds is planning to get boy scouts and gun clubs together to coordinate this trail for the hike. The Clinton property on Horseshoe Bend Road has moved forward and will be closing soon.

Minor Subdivision – Cacciabaudo – Block 37, Lot 3.05

The Commission reviewed the plats for the subdivision.

A Subcommittee for this site approval will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM. The members to be on the Subcommittee will be: Nicole Voigt, Cynthia Niciecki, and Debra Kratzer.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

It was moved by Nicole Voigt, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M. All voted Aye on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted

**Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary
Environmental Commission**