

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes July 28, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:07 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

Present

Deborah Kratzer
Sandra McNicol
Lois Voronin
Cynthia Niciecki
Mayor Elaine Niemann

Absent -

Walt Warneski
Gail Ashley
Joseph Zgurzynski
Nicole Voigt

Minutes

Motion and adoption of minutes of June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

The Committee members discussed the minutes. The following are a changes that have been made to the June 23, minutes:

Correction: Page #4 Last Paragraph Under - Deer Over Population – Certified Hunter Program. Line #6 – As appears: (He explained that Kingwood Township would be certified by the State to have this type of program.) Should appear: (He explained that **Hunters** would be certified by the State to **participate in** this type of program.)

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Correction: Page #4 Last Paragraph Under - Deer Over Population – Certified Hunter Program. Line #11 – As appears: (He noted that the law will only allow one hunter per 10 acres.) Should appear: (He noted that the **County Program** will only allow one hunter per 10 acres.)

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adopt the June 23, 2009 Meeting minutes with corrections listed.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye -	Deborah Kratzer, Cynthia Niciecki, Sandra McNicol, Elaine Niemann
	Nay -	None
	Abstain -	Nicole Voigt, Lois Voronin
	Absent -	Walt Warneski, Gail Ashley

Correspondence

Invitation to a Volunteer Picnic – Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Comm.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the invitation.

Reports

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud the reports for the month. The Commission members briefly reviewed all the reports listed.

Notice from the NJDEP re: 81 Whiskey Lane – Notice of Intent to Terminate

Letter from the NJDEP re: Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification
NJDEP Case Number: 09-06-29-0951-17 Located at 843 Route 12

Letter from the NJDEP re: Flood Hazard Area Applicability Determination – Block 14,
Lots 31.03 & 33

Letter of Interpretation – Block 20, Lot 1

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer read aloud the Soil Conservation notices for the month and asked if anyone had anything questions or comments.

Letter of Conditional Certification – re: BDAC, LLC Minor Subdivision, Block 23, Lot
17.02

Report of Compliance - Galleria Kingwood Dwelling – B1 34, Lot 10

Report of Compliance – Brinkerhoff Dwelling, Block 1, Lot 7.04

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Recycling Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki started out by thanking Sandy McNicol and her husband Mike for helping out at the last recycling program on Saturday July 11th. C. Niciecki described the details of what she has been keeping up with getting batteries to the County. She noted that the dumpsters have been taken and dumped three times this month. There was a discussion on the items that are not allowed in the dumpsters. There was a suggestion that a sign may be made to the attention of what items are allowed and what is not.

Volunteer needed for Saturday, August 8, 2009

Commission member Lois Voronin volunteered to be on duty on Saturday, August 8, 2009.

Old Business

Objectives for 2009 – This will no longer be needed on the agenda.

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update on Green Team

Elaine Niemann noted that a guest speaker was present from the Green Team. She introduced Mr. David Posey who is very active on the Green Team. Also a member of the Planning Board for Kingwood Township, and works for the New Jersey D.E.P. Mrs. Niemann discussed a grant the Township would like to apply for that would fill in for a shortfall that the Township has on a grant to have solar panels installed at the Municipal Garage. She noted the Township was awarded a Grant for \$115,000 towards the solar panels. David Posey explained that the Sustainable Jersey is an initiative put together by the New Jersey League of Municipalities, which are encouraging every municipality in New Jersey to get up and running and sustainable as well as making Grant money available to achieve this goal. Mr. Posey reviewed what types of Grants and what is available. He noted that he will be working with Jim Burke, Deputy Mayor of the Township and Angela Clerico a certified associate from Banisch Associates. He would also like to see several Committees to get together and discuss the program. He would like to get involved and do whatever he can to help the Township. There was a very long discussion on several options to obtaining Grants. It was suggested to get the Fire Company and the School together along with the Township to work to get Grants. There was a discussion on the projects that would be assigned to each person for the Green Team. Elaine Niemann noted that there will be a meeting for the Green Team tomorrow August 29th, at 6:00P.M. at the municipal building if anyone is interested in getting involved.

New Business

Deer Overpopulation

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that she would like information on the website to educate the public. She noted that she has information about deer in her E.R.I. on the deer impact. There was a discussion on how it would be beneficial to have something at Community Day on the deer population to educate the public on the problem. Elaine Niemann noted that there will be a newsletter going out in August and it would be a great way to get information to the residents on the subject. The Commission feels that it would be important to first present the problem to the residents then ask them to register their opinion on the website. David Posey suggested that the Commission look on the Fish and Game website for suggestions.

Farm Market Directory Makes Progress – From the Hunterdon CADB

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the list of Farm Markets in the area.

Action Items:

ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant (Open Space & Recreation Plan)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the Township received \$7,000 in a Grant. She discussed the process of what needs to be done as far as paperwork with Banisch Associates and the Township working together. Ms. Kratzer noted that ANJEC would like as much public participation as possible. There was a lengthy discussion on scheduling a pre-meeting to kick off the introduction of what is planned to do and to establish guide lines and direction. It was suggested to present this to the open space committee and get their input, then invite ANJEC to come to a meeting. A meeting of September 3, 2009 will be a kick off meeting at the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting. Debbie Kratzer noted that the team members will be meeting before that date.

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

There were no plans to review this month.

Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

Elaine Niemann noted that there is no update at this time.

Annual Report/Newsletter

Elaine Niemann noted that she is working on the newsletter and this should be completed by the middle of August.

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MEL – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there will be a meeting with Steve Spade from the N.J.G.S. on September 22, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. before the Environmental Commission meeting.

Open Space

No meeting was held in July for the Open Space Advisory Committee

Community Day

Lois Voronin reviewed speaking with Q.C. Labs in reference to water testing, which will be advertised on Community Day for the residents to sign up to have their water tested at a special rate. She reviewed several of the line items which would be available to be tested. She also discussed septic systems and a program for residents to have their system cleaned out at a lower rate. These will be posted on a sheet for residents to sign up to have water testing and septic cleaning. It was also discussed to post a sign up at Community Day in reference to recycling, and the items that should and should not be recycled.

Sandra McNicol noted that there should be a way to let the public know about L.O.I.'s and a way to answer their questions before they start a project.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

Adjournment

It was moved by Nicole Voigt, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:42P.M. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary**