

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 25, 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

Present

Deborah Kratzer
Sandra McNicol
Lois Voronin
Cynthia Niciecki
Mayor Elaine Niemann
Walt Warneski
Nicole Voigt
Joseph Zgurzynski (arrived at 9:25pm)

Absent - Gail Ashley

Minutes

Motion and adoption of minutes of July 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

Nicole Voigt pointed out that she was present for the July 28, 2009 meeting.

Correction: Under Roll Call: Nicole Voigt should be listed at present.

It was moved by Nicole Voigt, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adopt the July 28, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes with corrections.

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Roll Call Vote:

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

Correspondence

None

Reports

Letter from the Department of Environmental Protection –Bureau of Case Assignment & Initial Notice: Re: No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue / Block 15, Lot 8.04

There was a brief discussion regarding the letter from the D.E.P. It was suggested that the Townships local responders be notified and aware of this situation.

Letter of Interpretation re: Block 34, Lots 10.01 & 10.02

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

QC Laboratories/ Analytical Report – Water Test Results for Park Drinking Water

The Commission members reviewed the report.

Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist – Harris, Block 18, Lot 7

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

Confirmation of 48 Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Gross Project Blk 5, Lot 4

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Cynthia Niciecki thanked Lois Voronin for helping out at the August 8, 2009 Saturday, Recycling. She explained that she and her husband Jack Niciecki are keeping a close eye on what is being thrown inside the containers.

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She noted that the dumpsters have been recycling and changed three times the month of August. C. Niciecki noted that Mayor Elaine Niemann added a very nice article about recycling in the Township's Newsletter recently. She pointed out very helpful tips to educate the residents on the update of recycling.

Volunteer needed for Saturday, September 12, 2009

Debbie Kratzer volunteered for Saturday, September 12.

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update on Green Team

Mayor Elaine Niemann gave an update on the Sustainable Jersey Program. She noted that a grant application has been worked on by Angela Clerico from Banisch Associates along with Committeeman Phil Lubitz, this for the Local Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program. She noted that the Township Committee will be getting the pre-application at the end of this week, which is due by the 4th of September and to be determined if whether the Township will be invited to submit a full application. Mayor E. Niemann also explained that a Energy Audit application is being submitted, and noted that unfortunately the Township cannot partner with the Vol. Fire Co. and Vol. Rescue Squad. She discussed the Solar Panel grant and explained that things are in good shape with that grant. She stated that there was a deadline date scheduled at the end of August, which has been extended to the end of 2009. This will give the Township a chance to go out for bids to install solar panels at the Township Garage before the end of the year. She noted that the next meeting for the Green Team is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00P.M.

Deer Overpopulation

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer handed out few flyers on information regarding deer population management. She offered to make copies to give out at Community Day. Cynthia Niciecki gave an update of information her husband Jack Niciecki has gathered. She explained that he had gone to the Snyder Research Farm and talk to the Director, who gave him a book regarding the subject of managing the deer population. He also spoke to the game wardens from the Fish and Wildlife service. There was a discussion on making flyers to hand out at Community Day.

Update – Well Testing/Septic Cleaning – Flyer

Lois Voronin reviewed the two quotes she obtained for the Septic Cleaning Program and described the differences the two companies offered. They both gave the same price quote of \$225.00 a cleaning.

She explained that the new company called Castle Septic Cleaning has a longer hose of 200 feet, which may be very helpful for a lot of properties.

At this time Nicole Voigt recused herself from the discussion, due to a conflict of interest.

Motion to Approve a Septic Company for the Program

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve that Castle Septic Pumping to be the choice for the Septic Cleaning Discount Program and to be present at Community Day with his truck and answer questions from the residents.

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

The Commission members decided that the Friday following Community Day would be the deadline date for residents to sign up for the program. Lois Voronin explained that Mr. Robert Osborne has a very interesting colorful truck and will bring that for advertising the septic program on Community Day.

There was a discussion on the water testing and QC Laboratories. Lois Voronin will be writing a letter to QC Labs confirming that the Township will be signing up for the discount water testing and to confirm the price quotes received.

Community Day - Discussion

The Commission members discussed what they were planning to do for Community Day. They discussed all the information they will be presenting to the public. The list is as follows: septic cleaning brochure, water testing list, info on managing the over population of deer, environmental commission recruiting booklet, ERI paper copy, info on the Lockatong and Wichechocki Creek poster board.

There was a discussion on the hours the Commission members should arrive on Community Day, and the volunteers who will be there to help out.

New Business

N/A

Action Items:

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

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the kick off meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2009 at 6:30PM. This will be right before the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting at 7:30PM.

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

No site plans to review this month.

Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

Mayor Elaine Niemann reported that this has been postponed to the end of 2009. She noted that in relation to the Wastewater Management Plan the septic maintenance ordinance for the Township is also on hold for now.

Annual Report/Newsletter

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that she will be working on the newsletter for the Environmental Commission.

MEL – Update

Mayor Elaine Niemann explained that she has been in contact with the gentleman from MEL by leaving a message stating that the Environmental Commission would be interested in having MEL attend the October 27th, 2009 meeting. Lois Voronin suggested that the Delaware Township Environment Commission be invited to that meeting of October 27th since they are so close to MEL.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol Reports re: Meeting of the Open Space/Agriculture Adv. Comm. of August 6, 2009

Sandra McNicol reviewed an update of the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting. She announced that there will be a hike on October 3rd at the Harms Property for who ever is interested.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

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Adjournment

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol 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
Environmental Commission**