

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes September 22, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:56P.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
Gail Ashley
Cynthia Niciecki
Mayor Elaine Niemann
Lois Voronin

Absent -

Walt Warneski
Nicole Voigt
Joseph Zgurzynski

The Commission members requested to have their full name called at Roll Call instead of being addressed as Mr. or Mrs.

Public Comment Privilege of the Floor

Environmental Commission member Sandra McNicol recused herself from the meeting and sat down in the audience as resident.

Sandra McNicol, Oak Grove Road - Addressed the Environmental Commission about the Silverson property subdivision Block 7, Lot 14 located on Oak Grove Road. She noted that she was concerned about the way the State N.J.D.E.P. decided on the creek near by and their lack of protection of the that creek. She was also concerned about the approval of the septic systems on that property. Mrs. McNicol wanted to share a letter that the Township received from the State about the flood hazard rules and how they do not apply to this particular creek.

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She also wanted to show the Commission members where the septic systems are located and why she thinks it needs to be looked at again, and to possibly ask the Environmental Commission to write a letter to the N.J.D.E.P. who had looked at the plan and gave the Township this letter for the flood hazard rules. Chairwoman D. Kratzer noted that the Environmental Commission wrote a site plan review dated January 27, 2009 to the Planning Board. Mrs. McNicol noted that the Silversons will be coming back to the Planning Board for their final hearing. Chairwoman D. Kratzer explained that she had a copy of the letter from the N.J.D.E.P. in reference to this subject. She explained that the applicants engineer wrote a letter to the N.J.D.E.P. requesting for a flood hazard area applicability determination. Chairwoman D. Krater read aloud the decision in the letter which stated that the flood hazard area control act rules do not apply to the proposed activity, and that no flood hazard area permit is required as pursuant to NJAC 7:13-2.1 provided the chapter is not amended to establish strict standards or conditions. She noted that she looked up the regulation that explains that the flood hazard rules do not apply to an area that drains less than 50 acres.

Sandra McNicol asked everyone to step down and review the site plan review, which was available for everyone to discuss.

After the Commission reviewed the site plan review the Commission discussed writing a letter to the N.J.D.E.P. requesting information.

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to authorize the Environmental Commission to write a letter to the N.J.D.E.P. requesting information for clarification on the 50 acres of Block 7, Lot 14, an explanation of the boundary of the C1 Stream, pointing out the miss identification of a body of water, and if the water shed delineation was completed.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, C. Niciecki, L. Voronin, G. Ashley
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- W. Warneski, N. Voigt, S. McNicol

Sandra McNicol returned to the table as a member of the Environmental Commission.

Gail Ashley left the meeting at 9:30PM.

Minutes

Motion and adoption of minutes of August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

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It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried the motion to adopt the August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes with corrections.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, S. McNicol, C. Niciecki, L. Voronin,
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- G. Ashley, W. Warneski, N. Voigt

Correspondence

Copy of Letter to the Chairman of the Board of Adjustment for Delaware Twp. re:
A Business that will Harvest Ground Water for Bottling and Sales – By Lois Voronin

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed the letter to the B.O.A. for Delaware Twp.

Reports

Report from Basil Homa, MEL – Quarterly Homeowner Well Sampling Results - June
thru August 2009

Chairwoman D. Kratzer briefly reviewed.

NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Permit/Approval Request Submitted by: Global Signal
Acquisitions LLC –re: Property 103 Locktown Road, Block 17, Lot 9.01

Chairwoman D. Kratzer briefly reviewed.

Environmental Commission Annual Report for 2008

Chairwoman D. Kratzer briefly reviewed the Annual Report. All the Commission members agreed they all did a great job.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to authorize the secretary to give the report to the Township Committee, and to also send a copy of the report to ANJEC.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, S. McNicol, C. Niciecki, L. Voronin,
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- G. Ashley, W. Warneski, N. Voigt

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Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Volunteer needed for Saturday, October 10, 2009

Cynthia Niciecki will call Gail Ashley to see if she would be available to volunteer on October 10th recycling. Sandra McNicol volunteered to help on the 10th if Gail Ashley would not be available. Cynthia Niciecki thanked Debbie Kratzer for her help at the last recycling in September. She noted that everything is going well.

SWAC – Update

Elaine Niemann reviewed the last meeting for SWAC in September which she attended. She announced that she is trying to set up a computer recycling on the Saturday of October 10th. This will allow Kingwood residents to get rid of their old computers and accessories. This will be advertised on the website. Mrs. Niemann explained that the county wide recycling coordinator is now writing job descriptions for a municipal recycling coordinators. She stated that a sample recycling ordinance has been drafted, and would like all municipalities to adopt it so that all municipalities are consistent. The Freeholders Council will be reviewing the ordinance to review before they bring it back to the municipalities in November.

Debbie Kratzer suggested putting a list on the website of places and locations of everything to be recycled that is not recyclable at the township, such as, oil, hazardous waste, air conditioners, freezers and several other items.

Old Business

Review Community Day

The Commission members noted that everything went well on Community Day. Sandra McNicol stated that there were 30 septic cleaning signed up so far, and that several signed up for the well water tests.

Cynthia Niciecki mentioned that she noticed that there were no recycling receptacles set up at the park. The park director will be contacted to add receptacles to the park grounds.

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Sustainable Jersey Program – Update on Green Team

Elaine Niemann mentioned that there will be a meeting on September 23rd, at 6:00PM if anyone is interested in attending.

Deer Overpopulation

To be discussed next month.

New Business

Review Groundwater Talk in Kingwood Township

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Copy of Letter from Environ to NJDEP re: Magnesium Elektron, Inc.

The Commission asked for this to be put on the agenda for next months meeting. Elaine Niemann noted speaking with the plant manager of M.E.L. in reference to coming to the Environmental Commission meeting on October 27th to talk to the Commission. She stated that she is waiting to hear back from him as to whether he will be coming.

Discuss Requesting a Copy of the Reports from Environ re: Analysis of the Salt Plume Problem and Recommendations for Clean-Up

Elaine Niemann will have an update on this for the October meeting.

Action Items:

ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant (Open Space & Recreation Plan)
(Review Kickoff Meeting of September 8, 2009)

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed. She noted that Banisch Assoc. will be getting started on the Plan.

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

Sandra McNicol will look into whether the Perrotti subdivision will be ready to do a site plan review.

Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

Elaine Niemann noted no new information at this time.

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MEL – Update

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Open Space

No Meeting of the Open Space/Agriculture Adv. Committees - September 3, 2009

Sandra McNicol stated that there was no meeting on September 3rd. She reminded everyone about the Hike at the Harms property on October 3rd.

Chairwoman D. Kratzer announced a seminar at the Cook Campus for Economics of Green. The hours are from 8:30AM – 3:30PM if anyone is interested.

Adjournment

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12PM. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller
Secretary