

# KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting Minutes October 27, 2009

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:12 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

Debbie Kratzer  
Lois Voronin  
Sandra McNicol  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Elaine Niemann  
Nicole Voigt

#### Absent

Joseph Zgurzynski  
Gail Ashley  
Walt Warneski

### Minutes

Motion and adoption of minutes of September 22, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adopt the September 22, 2009 Special Meeting minutes .

### Roll Call Vote:

<b>Aye</b>	- <b>Debbie Kratzer, Lois Voronin, Sandra McNicol, Cynthia Niciecki,</b>
<b>Nay</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	- <b>Nicole Voigt</b>
<b>Absent</b>	- <b>Gail Ashley, Walt Warneski</b>

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Motion and adoption of minutes of September 22, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandy McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adopt the September 22, 2009 Regular meeting minutes with the following corrections:

Page#4 – Under SWAC – Update – Fourth sentence – **As it appears now:** Mrs. Niemann explained that the county wide recycling coordinator is now writing a job descriptions for a municipal recycling coordinators. **Correction as should appear: Mrs. Niemann explained that the county is writing a proposed job description for a county wide recycling coordinator.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	- <b>Debbie Kratzer, Lois Voronin, Sandra McNicol, Cynthia Niciecki,</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	- <b>None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	- <b>Nicole Voigt</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	- <b>Gail Ashley, Walt Warneski</b>

**Correspondence**

Letter from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation re: Palapoli – Block 12, Lot 31

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She stated that this is the Deer Run property, which will be included in the 2008 Funding Application for a non-funding grant.

Notice from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultants re: Septic System Replacement Block 24, Lot 1.01 – Uncle Scott’s Steak House, LLC

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Reports**

Kingwood Township 2009 Certified Septic Totals – July, Aug, Sept.

Sandra McNicol handed out the third and fourth quarter report for septic systems in Kingwood Township. The Commission reviewed the totals. Lois Voronin noted that a lot of the septic systems are failing, and residents are spending a lot of money repairing and replacing their systems. She suggested that the Environmental Commission form a subcommittee to review and choose a certain system that would work and not fail in the future. Sandy McNicol thought it would be a good idea to go to a Board of Health Meeting and discuss new ideas that the Environmental Subcommittee has researched, and to talk about what is available and what works best.

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**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

N/A

**Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki**

Cynthia Niciecki thanked Elaine Niemann for handling Recycling on October 10<sup>th</sup>, since she was unable to attend. Mrs. Niemann stated that recycling went well, and that there were several people who brought computer items to recycle. She stated that Keith Kiskel, from Alexandria Twp. expressed that Kingwood could continue to drop off computer items for the next recycling date of November 14th.

**Volunteer needed for Saturday, November 14, 2009**

The Commission will be contacting the Cub Scouts to see if they would be able to help with picking up the pieces that fly out of the dumpster for the November 14<sup>th</sup> recycling. Lois Voronin will be looking into dumpsters with lids, and obtain prices for the 20 yard dumpsters. Lois Voronin volunteered to work at the December 12<sup>th</sup> recycling. Cynthia Niciecki reviewed a handout from Keith Kiskel, Alexandria Township Recycling Coordinator. The handout listed contacts of places to take many items that are not normally at the municipal recycling centers. Sandra McNicol noted that she contacted the Warren County Recycling Center, and learned that they take refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers for a cost of \$15.00 an item.

**(2007 Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Payouts)**

Cynthia Niciecki reviewed. (A list is attached to the minutes)  
She noted that she, and Elaine Niemann visited Franklin Township's recycling center this month. She expressed that they were very impressed with their facility. Cynthia stated that they obtained a few good contacts for Kingwood. She reviewed the recent SWAC meeting that she, and Elaine Niemann had attended.

**Old Business**

**Copy of the Reports from Environ re: Analysis of the Salt Plume Problem and Recommendations for Clean-Up – E. Niemann to have an update**

Elaine Niemann noted that she contacted a representative from Environ. She stated that they promised a report within two weeks, but has not heard from them as of this time. Mrs. Niemann will contact them again soon.

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update on Green Team

Elaine Niemann noted that there is a meeting tomorrow evening, October 28<sup>th</sup>. She explained that she has sent out several invitations to possible new members to join Green Team. She explained that Diana Haywood is currently working on the Township's energy audit, and that it looks like there has been a lot of progress in this area. Mrs. Niemann also explained that she obtained an evaluation on cleaning and paper products for the municipal offices from a program that does negotiated products through Rutgers that is involved with the Green Purchasing Cooperative Program. Lois Voronin noted speaking with Edith Rawlyk, who would be interested in volunteering for the Township and recommended her for the Green Team.

Deer Overpopulation – Update

Cynthia Niciecki stated that it is currently bow hunting season. She noted that if anyone is interested in having hunters hunt on their land they are to call her husband Jack Niciecki.

Water Testing – Program Update

The Commission members would like to schedule another testing program in the spring of 2010. There was a lengthy discussion on arsenic being found in the wells in Kingwood Township. It was suggested to send a letter out to the residents informing them on the general information regarding arsenic.

**New Business**

Copy of Letter from Environ to N.J.D.E.P. re: Magnesium Elektron, Inc.  
(This was carried over from last month to review this month)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that this has been already been discussed.

**MEETING NEXT MONTH IS ONE WEEK EARLIER (November 17, 2009)**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that next months meeting is one week earlier on the third Tuesday of the month, due to Thanksgiving being so close to the regular week meeting date.

**Action Items:**

Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews

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Sandra McNicol explained that the Perrotti subdivision has been approved. She reviewed their plans for the property.

### Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

It was noted that there is no update at this time.

### MEL – Update

There was nothing new to discuss at this time.

### Open Space

#### Open Space Chairman Sandra McNicol reviews meeting of October 1, 2009.

Sandra McNicol reviewed what was discussed at the October 1, 2009 Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting. She stated there was a speaker present named Mildred Wehr, who is a member of the Historical Society. She talked about the history of the Flagg property on Fairview Road. Mrs. Wehr was asked if she would research the Flagg property, and to also recommend to the Open Space/Agricultural Advisory Committees names that could be used for the trails that they plan to make on the preserved properties. Mrs. Wehr suggested “Lenape Trail” named after the Indians who settled on the property many years ago. She also suggested a name of the “Bray Trail” after John Bray and his family, who were owners near the Flagg property, and the Baptistown area. Mrs. McNicol also stated that they talked about ideas for preserved signs for the properties that have been already preserved in Kingwood Township. She stated that there was a Hike on October 3<sup>rd</sup> that was at the Harms property that the Open Space Advisory Committee arranged. She stated that is was a great place for a hike. She said it was very scenic, and that approximately 20 people attended. She stated that the Palopoli property hopefully will be closing in the middle of November.

#### Letter to the D.E.P. re: Silverton Property

There was a lengthy discussion on a draft letter the Commission approved to send to Scott Brubaker, Assistant Commissioner at the NJDEP Division of Land Use Regulation regarding the Silverton Property, Block 7, Lot 14. The Commissioners reviewed the property on a map and site plan. The Commissioners feel the flood hazard area needs to be addressed. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer will be sending the letter by the end of the month.

#### Delaware River Canal – Presentation At the Prallsville Mill

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Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer announced a presentation that will be given by Dr. Richard Hunter at the Prallsville Mill on Rt. 29 Stockton, NJ on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. The presentation is called the D & R Canal: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

ANJEC Report

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer announced that in the fall of 2009, ANJEC will have an article on Kingwood Township's ERI in their annual report.

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

N/A

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia Keller**  
**Secretary**