

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 22, 2010

7:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 8:00 P.M. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirements

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on February 4th, 2010, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on January 29th, 2010. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on January 29th, 2010.

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
Sandy McNicol
Cindy Niciecki
David Posey

Absent

Joe Zgurzynski
Gail Ashley
Elaine Niemann
Nicole Voigt
Richard Abbott

Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Approval of the May 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve the May 25, 2010 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	-	D. Kratzer, C. Niciecki, S. McNicol D. Posey
Nay	-	None
Abstain	-	L. Voronin
Absent	-	E. Niemann, N. Voigt, G. Ashley

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

2.

REPORTS

Copy of Letter from Engineering and Land Planning Assoc. Inc. Re: 49 Tinsman Rd. Bl 5
L 4.02 Applying for a Letter of Interpretation

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Notice from the NJDEP re: Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification
NJDEP Case # 10-05-26-1006-04 – Location 1050 Route 519

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Statewide General Permit #25 re: #117 Kingwood Locktown Road, Block 26, Lot 21
Applicant: Christopher and Deirdre Ely

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed, and noted that these applications usually go to the Hunterdon County Board of Health to be reviewed.

Great Blue – Important Memo To Park and Recreation re: New Regulations for Aquatic
Herbicides - Kingwood Pond

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the memo from Great Blue regarding the New Regulations for Aquatic Herbicides, and how it will affect the Township's pond. The Commission members discussed the new regulations. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer volunteered to send a memo to the Parks and Recreation Committee suggesting that the Environmental Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Committee work together to develop a strategy to manage the Kingwood pond in compliance with the upcoming regulation change.

Copy of Letter and Quarterly Results for March thru May 2010 – From MEL Chemicals
Inc.

The Commission members reviewed the updated results.

Notice of Application for a Permit or Approval to the N.J.D.E.P – Statewide Permit #25
re: #319 County Road 519 Block 35, Lot 12 – Applicant William Youngner & Francis
Wozny

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She noted that this is permit for a replacement septic system, which is in a wetlands area.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

3.

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Cynthia Niciecki Recycling Report for June 2010

June 2010 Recycling Coordinator's Report

The Township Committee had the second reading and passage of the new recycling ordinance on June 1, 2010 . Recycling Day this month went well. I cleaned up all the stuff that blew into the ditch. The dumpsters are filling up every two weeks. We check them often to remove non-recyclables. A sign was put up at the end of the Public Works driveway pointing to the recycling center. I am checking into a clothing recycling container that can be put in place at the depot from Planet Aid, a non-profit charity. Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Niciecki

Cynthia also noted that there will be a Recycling container for clothing at no charge to the Township starting in the month of July.

Volunteer for July 10, 2010

Lois Voronin volunteered to help out at the July 10, 2010 recycling day.

Old Business

Open Space & Recreation Plan - 2nd Draft - Comments Welcome

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that the Township's Planner David Banisch is working on the Plan.

Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team (CJISST) <http://www.cjisst.org/> - should we sign up?

Sandra McNicol explained that she spoke to a representative from the Strike Team and talked about how the program works. Sandra suggested that the Environmental Commission join the Team. The Commission members discussed and decided it would be very educational and a good idea to join.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to send an e-mail to sign up the Environmental Commission to the Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team.

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

4.

ANJEC 2010 Smart Growth Planning Grant – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that the Township did not receive any grant funds this year.

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update

David Posey reported that there is no update at this time. The Green Team has not meet recently. There was a brief discussion on the Solar Project at the Township garage, and that it is now completed.

Deer Overpopulation – Update

Nothing to report this month.

New Business

Maintenance of trail on Township property between school and park

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there has not been a meeting for the subcommittee for the school and park walkway. It was discussed that it would be important to set up conservation easements where they are necessary, and install them on the property.

Arsenic in Well Water

Lois Voronin reported that all the results have been completed. She noted that approximately 125 people had their water sampled for just arsenic, and 66 of the tests failed. She explained that she will speak to a representative from the State asking them if he would write up a notice for the Township's website to reach out to the residents on how important it is to test for arsenic, and the problems that it may cause.

Action Items:

Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews

No site plans to review this month.

Community Day (September 18, 2010) - Plans

Lois Voronin volunteered again this year to call Russell Reid and Castle Septic to obtain quotes for the Community Day Septic Cleaning discount program. The Commission discussed the topics that will be displayed at a table on Community Day. They will have information on arsenic, invasive species, and deer population. Cynthia Niececki noted that she will be setting up a separate table just for recycling.

5.

Wastewater Management Plan

No new update at this time.

MEL – Updates

No information this month.

Open Space

Due to lack of quorum – There was no meeting for the Open Space Advisory Committee just the Agriculture Advisory Committee met on June 3, 2010. Sandra McNicol noted that the Horsebend Road park project was rejected by the Freeholders on June 10, 2010. She stated that on June 15, 2010 a group of several individuals from Kingwood Township attended the Freeholder’s meeting to speak aloud and let the Freeholders know how unhappy everyone was with their decision, and to find out why they rejected the project. Sandra McNicol also noted that the Deer Run property will be closing soon for farmland preservation. She stated that the Felix Farm in Kingwood Township was preserved in May of this year.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer mentioned that she had attended a seminar on solar panels. There was a very lengthy discussion on the properties in Kingwood Township that have been sold, and want to be purchased to put up solar panels on farms. The Commission also reviewed the need for an ordinance for solar panels.

David Posey handed out a brochure on idling and the new laws that will be in effect. He would like this to be on the agenda for next month as he will have additional copies for everyone on the Commission to review. He stated that a sample Resolution will also be discussed and possibly be suggested that the Township consider adopting.

Adjournment

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:18PM. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary