

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 28, 2011  
7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:08P.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 3, 2011, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on February 1, 2011. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on February 1, 2011.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Commission, 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  
David Posey  
Cynthia Niciecki

**Absent**

Gail Ashley  
Elaine Niemann arrived at 8:35pm  
Richard Abbott  
Joseph Zgurzynski

**Approval of the May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion and Adoption of May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission**

It was moved by Cynthia Niciecki, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission.

Comments: None

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, Posey, Niciecki</b>
<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- McNicol</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Ashley</b>

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Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted she was very pleased to see information from the presentation given by Larry Herrightly, who gave an overview of New Jersey's Deer Management, Procedures and Implementation attached to the meeting minutes.

### **Correspondence**

N/A

### **Reports**

Flood Hazard Area Verification Approval – Applicant: Sundancer Capital LLC, Block 24, Lots 4, 7

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Completeness Review – Sundancer Capital, LLC Thebe Solar Park, Block 24, Lots 4 & 7

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that the Commission may want to do a review on this application. Sandra McNicol suggested that it may be a good idea to speak to the secretary to the Planning Board, Diane Laudenbach to get an update.

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 11-05-25-0904-57 re: 843 Route 12 West – Ammonia

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Letter of Interpretation – Block 9, Lot 13 Anthony A. Schlachter

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She stated that it is a 28 acre property. The Commission members suggested that the Planning Board Secretary be contacted for more information on this property.

Notice From Taylor Wiseman and Taylor Engineers – re: Chris's Citgo

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and stated that this is an update of what happened at the site remediation. David Posey explained the process of a site remediation by the N.J.D.E.P. He stated that this is a notification that this is a (LSRP) licensed site remediation professional. He explained that it is a timeline which is a notification to inform the person responsible to clean up the site. He stated that it is a licensing program run by the N.J.D.E.P. He shared information with the commission members as to who to call to find out more information.

Copy of Quarterly Homeowner Well Sampling Results for June thru August 2010

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

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Freshwater Wetlands Application – Notice to Neighboring Landowners re: Effisolar Energy Corporation (Block 38, Lots 17, 18 and 19.01)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that this solar project is adjacent to the Lockatong wildlife management area, which is off of Route 519. She noted that she was not sure if they had been to the Planning Board. She stated that she would like the Environmental Commission to do a site plan review on this application eventually.

General Permit Authorization – Wetlands- 875 State Route 12, Block 15, Lot 5

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District  
N/A

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Cynthia Niciecki Recycling Report for June 2011

**June 28, 2011**

**Kingwood Recycling Coordinator's Report**

First I want to thank David Posey for helping me this month at Recycling Day. The Recycling Depot is now next to the Salt Building and a snow fence was put up around and behind the dumpsters to address the problem of stuff blowing around. Elaine and I are in the process of ordering covered garbage cans for the bags. I gave a report to the Township Committee this month to update them about my recycling activities. A copy of the materials presented was included in this month's meeting packet. I attended a class on Recycling Enforcement at the Local Level. It focused on first having a good Recycling Ordinance in place and also educating the public is an important step of the enforcement process. Enforcement involves inspections, detecting violations, warnings, summonses, and then court. The class was mostly geared toward towns that have contracts with the haulers, but was certainly helpful about municipalities with subscription service which is what we have in Kingwood. I went on a tour of Colgate Paper Stock in New Brunswick with the SWAC Committee. This is a facility that receives Single Stream Recycling. It was very interesting to see how the materials are sorted and baled. The M&A metal recycling dumpster was switched and the contents brought \$655. for our recycling account.

The next Hunterdon Co. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Sat. July 9 from 9am - 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Kingwood Municipal Recycling Coordinator

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#### Packet of Recycling Information

Cynthia Niciecki explained the information she put together of the changes over the years with recycling in the Township. She stated that she presented this to the Township Committee at their last meeting in June.

#### Volunteer for July 9, 2011

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer volunteered to help out at recycling on Saturday July 9, 2011.

#### Old Business

#### Kingwood SEIA (Statement of Environmental Impact and Assessment) and Threatened and Endangered Ordinance Draft – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that this is still being considered by the planning board. Sandra McNicol stated that she will speak to the Chairman of the Planning Board, Richard Dodds to find out if this will be reviewed in the near future.

#### Wind Energy Ordinance – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there is no update at this time.

#### Eagle Scout Project Planned at Kingwood Park – Native Rain Garden, Path, Kiosks & Bulb Plantings – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer shared pictures of the native rain garden project, which is being built at the park, and explained that she has been helping, Eagle Scout Keith Augustine with planting the native plants, and the education aspect of the plants. She noted that she is very interested in this project and plans on continuing to work on it for years to come.

#### Driveway Procedures Update – Elaine Niemann

#### **"N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.7 Transition areas due to freshwater wetlands on adjacent property**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that Elaine Niemann was not present.

#### Trash Handling on Open Space Properties – New Trails – Update on Signs

Cynthia Niciecki explained that the signs have arrived and will be brought to the next Open Space/Ag meeting. She told everyone that the signs say “Carry-In” “Carry-Out” and that there are approximately four signs to be put up. Sandra McNicol noted that this will be discussed at the next Open Space/Ag meeting.

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NJ Invasive Species Strike Team – Carried from Last Months Meeting: Donation To Annual Strike Team from Environmental Commission

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that this has been carried over from last month. Sandra McNicol stated that it may be a good idea to support them, and that we may be able to have an intern come and train everyone. David Posey suggested that the commission give a donation for a year or two since they are new and see if the Township receives any assistance and then decide what would be best to do in the future.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the amount of \$100.00 donated to the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team from the Environmental Commission.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, McNicol, Posey, Niciecki</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Gail Ashley</b>

Wastewater Management Plan – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that Elaine Niemann is not present at this time and that she did not think there were any updates at this time.

Request to Add Hot Dog Man – Updates to Each Months Agenda

Lois Voronin feels that this should be on the agenda each month to discuss any updates so that the commission does not forget about this important situation.

**New Business**

Memo from Barbara Schau

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and discussed the memo with the Commission Members. She noted that she was the woman who attended the presentation with Larry Herrighty and stood up giving her opinion. David Posey suggested that a response be sent to her in regard to her memo. The commission members all agreed with David Posey.

**Action Items**

Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that there were no site plan reviews that need to be done urgently, but they will need to review the solar applications in the near future.

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Sandra McNicol stated that she will notify Debbie Kratzer with information for the most recent solar project application.

#### Sustainable Jersey Program – Update

David Posey stated that the Sustainable Green Team for the Township went almost a year without having any meetings. He noted that they had their second meeting for this year two weeks ago. He stated that there is a law regarding anti – idling in the State of New Jersey, which he stated is only a few years old. He would like to present a sample ordinance to the Township Committee regarding prohibiting vehicles idling in the Township. He stated that he would like to put signs up in the parking lots of the schools and Township buildings encouraging no idling of any vehicles. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer suggested that he go explain to the schools and township buildings explaining what his plans are and why this law has been passed.

#### MEL – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that David Posey picked up a report from the D.E.P. regarding MEL. Debbie Kratzer stated that the Environmental Commission has been waiting for this for a long time. She noted that it is called “Salt Plume Supplemental Remediation Investigation Report and Proposal for Classification Exception Area” MEL, which will be given to Gail Ashley to review. Debbie Kratzer announced that if anyone is interested in reading the report before Gail Ashley returns that she will pass it around for everyone to review. Lois Voronin requested to read it and stated that she will return it next month. Sandra McNicol noted that a prior member of the Environmental Commission, Anthony Hauck was working on a well near the Route 12 Business Park. She stated that he monitors wells and does some conductivity from time to time.

Elaine Niemann arrived at 8:40PM. The commission members reviewed what was discussed at the meeting for Elaine Niemann.

#### Maintenance of Trail on Township Property - Between School and Park

The commission members suggested getting together with the DPW Supervisor, Mark Petro to discuss how to maintain the trail. Elaine Niemann suggested that the commission wait till the fall, as the DPW has a very busy schedule this summer. The commissioners all agreed that would be a good idea.

#### Open Space

No Meeting in June for the Open Space/Ag Advisory Committee  
Next Meeting – July 5, 2011 7:00PM

Sandra McNicol stated that there was no meeting in the month of June. She reported an update on the Horseshoe Bend Park that has finally been purchased.

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She reviewed an invitation that was handed out to all the commission members for the ribbon cutting for the official opening of the park. She stated that it is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. and all are welcome.

Elaine Niemann gave an update of several subjects that were discussed during the meeting. Elaine Niemann noted that the closing for the Gergar property will be sometime this week and that the proceeds of the property will go towards open space. She gave an update of what is going on with the solar construction applications.

#### Electronic Packages for the Environmental Commission

David Posey suggested the Environmental Commission go to electronic packages for the future. The commission members all agreed that this would be a good idea to have their packages sent electronically.

It was moved by David Posey, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve that the Environmental Commission meeting packages be sent electronically starting for the July 2011 meeting.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, McNicol, Posey, Niciecki</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Gail Ashley</b>

#### New Item Suggested by Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol requested that Community Day to be on the agenda for next months meeting. The commission discussed several ideas for their table at Community Day on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Elaine Niemann had a suggestion of an update regarding the project that Todd Kratzer, from the New Jersey Water Authority is working on at the Park.

Sandra McNicol noted that a Township resident is going before the Board of Adjustment to get approval to put a heliport on their property. She noted that this may be somewhat of an environmental concern.

#### Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

#### Adjournment

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary