

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2011  
7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:36P.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  
Gail Ashley  
Sandra McNicol (arrived 8:47PM)  
David Posey  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Elaine Niemann

**Absent**

Richard Abbott  
Joseph Zgurzynski  
Lois Voronin

**(1). Approval of the October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes for the EC Commission**

Motion and Adoption of October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by David Posey, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to adopt the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting minutes of the Environmental Commission.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>-D. Kratzer, D. Posey, C. Niciecki, S. McNicol</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>-None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>-G. Ashley</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>-L. Voronin</b>

**Correspondence**

N/A

**Reports**

**(2). Letter of Interpretation – Footprint of Disturbance – Applicant: Nextel of NY Communications – Project Wireless Communications Compound – Block 26, Lot 24**

2.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She noted that this property is in a wetland area. She stated that this was on the agenda last month. She explained that she has not seen their official letter of interpretation, and that the letter states that the DEP suggests that they have the wetlands delineation completed first.

**(3). Flood Hazard Area Application Determination – Applicant: EffiSolar Energy Corp. Block 23, Lot 11**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She stated that the DEP has allowed them to construct a fence and solar facility along the Lockatong Creek. She read aloud the rules that the DEP listed that allows them to construct the facility.

**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

N/A

**Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki**

Cynthia Niciecki Recycling Report for November 2011

Cynthia Niciecki reviewed the following Recycling Report for November 15<sup>th</sup>:

**November 15, 2011 Kingwood Recycling Coordinator's Report**

First I want to thank Sandy and Mayor Lubitz for helping me on Recycling Day this month. We had a very good turnout.

The recycling dumpsters are being switched every week to ten days.

The M&A Metal dumpster was switched on November 2 and brought in \$836.80.

The DPW Crew is helping out to keep the Depot clean and notifying me when they need to be switched.

I will be sending a letter to the businesses this week reminding them to keep their recycling reports ready to submit for the tonnage report next year.

**Volunteer Needed for December 10, 2011**

David Posey volunteered to work at the recycling depot on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

Cynthia Niciecki made an announcement that she will be resigning as Recycling Coordinator for 2012.

**(4). Revised 2011 Recycling Bin Instructions Sheet**

Cynthia Niciecki reviewed the following revised recycling instruction sheet:

<b>PAPER</b>	<b>CARDBOARD</b>	<b>GLASS</b>	<b>METALS</b>	<b>PLASTICS</b>
Magazines Junk Mail Envelopes Newspaper Flyers Brochures Writing, Typing and Computer Paper Books Cancelled Checks	Corrugated Boxes Paper Tubes Non-metallic gift wrap Cereal Boxes File Folders Poster Board	Juice, Pop & Soda Water Bottles  Beer & Wine Bottles  Food Jars	Tin Food Cans Aluminum Beverage Cans Aluminum Foil Metal Utensils	# 1 through 7 Plastic Bottles used for Milk, Juice, Soap and Soft Drinks <b>ONLY PLASTIC ITEMS LABELED WITH THE RECYCLING TRIANGLE WITH NUMBERS 1 – 7 ARE ACCEPTED</b>
<i>Preparation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove hard covers from books.</li> <li>Put shredded paper in a box or <i>PAPER</i> bag to prevent blowing out of bin.</li> <li>Do not tie.</li> </ul>	<i>Preparation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flatten Boxes.</li> <li>Remove plastic or waxed paper liners and all Styrofoam packing material.</li> <li>Pizza boxes are o.k. if they aren't greasy – remove wax paper.</li> <li>Do not tie.</li> </ul>	<i>Preparation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove lids - recycle metal lids, discard plastic.</li> <li>Empty and rinse containers to <b>remove all food residue.</b></li> <li>Do not break glass.</li> </ul>	<i>Preparation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove lids - recycle metal lids, discard plastic.</li> <li>Empty and rinse cans to <b>remove all food residue.</b></li> <li>Remove labels from tin cans.</li> </ul>	<i>Preparation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty and rinse containers to <b>remove all food residue.</b></li> <li>Remove caps, lids and tops (dispose of with trash).</li> </ul>
<i>Items Not Accepted:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wet, waxed or soiled paper.</li> <li>Used paper towels and plates.</li> <li>Carbon paper.</li> <li>Photographs.</li> <li>Tissue or toilet paper.</li> <li>Plastic bags.</li> <li>String, twine.</li> </ul>	<i>Items Not Accepted:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wet, soiled or waxed cardboard.</li> <li>Wax coated beverage containers.</li> <li>Milk or juice containers.</li> <li>Plastic bags.</li> <li>String, twine, rope.</li> </ul>	<i>Items Not Accepted:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light bulbs.</li> <li>Window glass.</li> <li>Drinking glasses.</li> <li>Mirrors.</li> <li>Ceramics, mugs, china.</li> <li>Pyrex.</li> <li>Bags.</li> </ul>	<i>Items Not Accepted:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cans used for chemicals or paints.</li> <li>Aerosol spray cans.</li> <li>Power tools.</li> <li>Coat hangers.</li> <li>Bags.</li> </ul>	<i>Items Not Accepted:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Containers used for chemicals or automotive products (oil, antifreeze, etc.)</li> <li>Rubber products.</li> <li>Styrofoam (not even labeled with number).</li> <li>Photographic film.</li> <li>Polyvinyl sheeting</li> <li>Heat shrink wrapping</li> <li>Plastic bags.</li> </ul>
<b>DO NOT put the following materials into the recycling bins: Plastic Bags • Animal Feed Bags • Toys • Hangers • Liquids • Food • Garbage • Waxed Paper • Fabrics • Wood • Styrofoam • Aluminum foil • Aluminum pie plates • pvc pipe • Plastic Caps and Lids</b>				

Also accepted:

**Clothing & shoes** in Planet Aid container; **Electronics** - place *next to* E-waste container; **Scrap steel, aluminum, copper, brass, light metal, and appliances\*** *in or next to* M&A Recycling Dumpster  
 \*Appliances containing freon gas will be accepted only if accompanied by certification of freon removal.

**DO NOT** leave non-recyclables, bags, batteries or hazardous wastes – your tax money will have to pay for disposal of these items. Empty bags may be discarded in the can provided or recycled at stores, such as grocery stores, that recycle bags.

**Where to recycle other items:** Check <http://www.kingwoodtownship.com/recycling> for more information, Clean-up Days and Hunterdon County collections of hazardous waste and electronics.

**No Plastic Bags – Keep materials loose.**

There was a discussion on items that would be accepted and not and how they will get it across to the public.

4.

Mayor Lubitz was present at the meeting and wanted to thank all the members of the Environmental Commission for their service to the Township. He stated that this Commission has demonstrated such hard work, and also how far the Township has come in the past several years. He wanted them all to know that all the work they have done for the Township is very much appreciated.

### **Old Business**

#### **New Camera's for the Recycling Center – Update**

Cynthia Niciecki noted that she did not have anything new to report about the cameras, but she stated that there is a sign when you enter the gate area of the recycling facility that states that the recycling area is under video surveillance. Sandra McNicol suggested ordering another sign to put up on the barn right under the camera.

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

Sandra McNicol reviewed what the Planning Board discussed at their last meeting. She noted that the Planning Board had decided to table this ordinance until next year, this way it will give them more time to review it.

#### **Driveway Procedures Update – Elaine Niemann**

Elaine Niemann noted that she gathered additional information and will be getting something together for 2012.

#### **Thank you Letter for Eagle Scout Native Plant Garden**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that she wrote a draft letter for everyone to review. She asked everyone to add or make any changes that they may have to the letter. The Commission all stated that Debbie Kratzer did a great job on the letter.

Elaine Niemann noted that Keith Augustine had approximately \$75.00 left over from his project, and would like to donate this to the Environmental Commission. She explained that she spoke to the Township's C.F.O. D. Laudenbach, and noted that the township cannot accept this amount through the Environ Commissions account, but that the amount can be given to the Parks and Recreation Committee to be deposited in there in and out account, and then funds will be able to be utilized and put towards the Environmental Commissions needs.

### **New Business**

#### **Rocket Composter – Update**

Gail Ashley explained that she was in touch with a company that sells the rocket composters, and that most of the ones they sell are a larger size. She stated that a smaller composter would probably be more appropriate for our area. Gail Ashley will be in contact with the school to see if they are interested in having this composter at the school for projects and lessons. She noted that she still needs to find out a little more about the different kinds of composters. The Commission Members thanked Gail for her research.

#### **(5). Copy of Resolution from Delaware Twp. re: Statewide Ban on Natural Gas Development Involving Hydraulic Fracturing**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the resolution from Delaware Twp., and feels that it would be a good idea to recommend to the Township Committee to adopt a resolution similar to this resolution.

5.

Elaine Niemann explained that this resolution has already come before the Township Committee at their last meeting, and they suggested that this be forwarded to the Environmental Commission. She suggested that the Environmental Commission first look into this further and obtain a little more clarification, which is described in the resolution. Gail Ashley stated that she will go over this with Lois Voronin, and someone she knows from where she works. Sandra McNicol feels it would be a good idea to recommend that the Township Committee adopt this resolution and then amend it when they gather more information on the details. There was a lengthy discussion on chemicals, and how it could be an environmental impact in our society. There was a discussion on how important this is due to the water supply and shortages. There was a discussion on the chemicals that are injected into the ground when well drillers are drilling, and the fact that chemicals are not being investigated as to what is being injected into the ground. The Commission Members would like to look into this further in January.

### **Action Items**

#### **Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews**

No site plans to review at this time.

#### **(6). Sustainable Jersey Program – Update (Anti-idling Draft Letter to the School)**

David Posey explained that he and Debbie Kratzer drafted a letter to send to the schools, which they have provided for the Commission to review this evening and make any changes necessary. He stated that this is to educate the students to hopefully stress the point of how important it is for all of us. The Commission members noted that they read the letter and it sounded great. Mr. Posey noted that the D.E.P. should be the contact person for the schools. He explained that if the Commission had no changes in the letter, then it will be mailed to the schools. David Posey stated that it would be a good idea to send the resolution that the Township adopted on idling to other municipalities to encourage them to adopt a resolution similar to this one. Elaine Niemann suggested to encouraging the schools to order signs to be put up throughout the parking lots. David Posey stated that he will make a few changes to the letter, then send it out with the Township's Resolution. He thanked everyone for their help.

#### **(7). 2012 Budget Request for New Year**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to request that the Township Committee consider the amount of \$1000.00 for the 2012 budget for the Environmental Commission.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>-D. Kratzer, D. Posey, C. Niciecki, S. McNicol, G. Ashley</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>-None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>-None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>-L. Voronin</b>

#### **NJ Invasive Species Strike Team**

No update at this time.

#### **MEL – Update**

**“Salt Plume Supplemental Remediation Investigation Report and Proposal for Classification Exception Area”**

6.

No update at this time.

Maintenance of Trail on Township Property - Between School and Park

No update at this time.

Wastewater Management Plan – Update

No update at this time.

Open Space

Open Space/Ag Advisory Committee Update - No Meeting in November to Report

Sandra McNicol noted that the Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committees did not meet this month. She noted that she received an e-mail from Richard Dodds, regarding needing help to clean up the trails after the storms. She explained that this was because the New Jersey Conservation Foundation was meeting at the Horseshoe Bend Park for a hike in a few days. She explained that it was their annual Donald Jones Hike. She noted that the Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committees need to get together and decide what they would like to do, as far as, properties to be preserved in the future. She reviewed briefly the Melnyk Dedication.

Article in the Express Times

Sandra McNicol stated that there was an article in the Express Times about three weeks ago. She just wanted to bring to the Commissions attention about a polluted land fill located in Alexandria Township along the Delaware that was associated with the paper company. She stated that after many years, the EPA has decided that they are not going to remove any more out of that area, and that they are just going to close it up. She stated that she put her name and number on a list to be contacted when things like this happen in the area, but was never contacted.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reminded everyone about the dates for the next meeting in December:

**DECEMBER'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, DECEMBER 13, 2011**

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:37PM. All voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,  
Secretary