

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2011
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:38P.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
David Posey
Cynthia Niciecki

Absent

Lois Voronin
Elaine Niemann
Richard Abbott
Joe Zgurzynski

(1). Approval of the November 15, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes for the EC Commission

Motion and Adoption of November 15, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to adopt the November 15th, 2011 meeting minutes of the Environmental Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

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

2.

Correspondence

(2). DEP Launches Capital Projects Website

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that the money is being spent on the State parks.

Reports

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 11-12-06-1638-07 – 140 Lower Oak Grove Road – Oil Heating #2

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

ANJEC Association of New Jersey - Membership Dues 2012 for the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Cynthia Niciecki, seconded by Sandy McNicol and carried to approve to renew the ANJEC Membership for the Environmental Commission for 2012 to include seven members and two alternates.

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

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

(3). Cynthia Niciecki Recycling Report for December 2011

December 9, 2011 Kingwood Recycling Coordinator's Report

First I want to thank all of the Environmental Commission Members and Mayor Lubitz for helping me on Recycling Days this year. I want to thank Debbie Kratzer for her great job with the Recycling Page on our township's website, and also thank Cindy Keller for all her office help and Elaine for her help with making phone calls and writing letters. I also want to thank the DPW Crew for helping keep the depot in order.

A letter was sent out to the businesses reminding them of their Recycling obligations including submitting their yearly reports to the township.

I reported to the Township Committee that I will be unable to serve as Recycling Coordinator in 2012.

3.

Tom Beranger from Stockton Borough wanted to know if Stockton residents would be able to bring their electronics to the Kingwood Recycling Center. Everyone thought it could be a benefit for Kingwood. There was a discussion on whether the Township should ask for I.D.'s as people enter the depot. Everyone present thanked Cynthia Niciecki for her dedicated time and hard work she put in over the years as the Recycling Coordinator.

Volunteer Needed for the Recycling Depot on Saturday, January 14, 2012

Sandra McNicol and David Posey volunteered to work at the Recycling Depot on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Old Business

New Camera's for the Recycling Center – Update

Cynthia Niciecki will look into this to see if the camera's have been hooked up already.

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

Sandra McNicol stated that this will be carried over until the new year for the Planning Board to review and possibly make changes.

Driveway Procedures Update – Elaine Niemann

Elaine Niemann was not present to give an update.

(4). Review Budget Statement for the Environmental Commission – 2011

Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed the statement. There was a brief discussion on the Strike Team Membership that the Environmental Commission was interested in signing up for during the 2011 year. Secretary Keller noted that it has already been paid for and will expire next November 2012.

(5). “Anti – Idling Letter” Final Copy

There was a brief discussion on the final copy of the letter Debbie Kratzer and David Posey worked on to send to the school. There was additional information and a certified copy of the Resolution that the Township Committee adopted, which will also be included with the letter to the Kingwood School that will be sent out tomorrow.

“Fracking Impacts” – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that this is carried from last month's meeting. She stated that Elaine Niemann asked for everyone to try and obtain more information. Debbie explained that this was from Delaware Township.

4.

Sandra McNicol received a letter from the Delaware Inkeeper and explained that they are looking and studying the utica shale and to see if that could withstand fracking. Gail Ashley discussed the different types of fracking, and drilling processes done. She will look into getting more information about fracking for next month's meeting.

New Business

Schedule Date and Time for Reorganization Meeting for January for Environmental Commission

The Commission Members discussed and decided a date for their reorganization meeting. They all agreed to schedule it on the fourth Tuesday of the month on January 24th, 2012 at 7:30PM.

Rocket Composter – Update

Gail Ashley went to the Kingwood School and discussed the Rocket Composter and the information that she had obtained. She explained what they had talked about and they told her that they would like to do some inventory to see how much Kingwood Township would have to compost. She also mentioned that she gave the school information and ideas on Earth Science week, which is a holiday in October and celebrated in the schools. She stated that the school is very interested in having someone come and speak to the children about recycling. Debbie Kratzer noted that she along with another woman from the D&R Canal spoke to the six graders this past year about stream samples in the area for an environmental project. Cynthia Niciecki suggested the new Recycling Coordinator to go to the school to educate the children about recycling. Gail Ashley noted how concerned the students were about whether the foam trays they use in the lunch room were recyclable or not.

(6). Season's Greetings from ANJEC – Donation Requested

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Action Items

Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there are no site plan reviews at this time.

NJ Invasive Species Strike Team

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that they discussed the idling letter that has been prepared to be sent to the Kingwood School earlier in the meeting.

5.

MEL – Update

Gail Ashley reported that MEL sent the “Salt Plume Supplemental Remediation I Investigation report back, and that they did not agree with the information.

Maintenance of Trail on Township Property - Between School and Park

Debbie Kratzer explained that she did not made plans to meet with the D.P.W., but will in the near future.

Wastewater Management Plan – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed, and stated that she does not know of any updates at this time.

Open Space

Open Space/Ag Advisory Committee Update - Meeting of December 6, 2011

Sandra McNicol stated that there are several properties the Open Space and Ag Committees are looking at to preserve, but that there are no new developments at this time.

Cindy Niciecki, noted that the State wants to move the camp ground from Bulls Island to the Cooley Farm across the road on Route 29. She explained that this is due to the flooding on the Island and the danger of someone getting hurt. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that there is not a lot new to talk about regarding the Horseshoe Bend Park, and that the committee that is working on the park will be working on ideas in the new year. She stated that the organizations that run the dog shows that are using the park are very interesting. She described what the dog chase was all about.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the Board of Health maybe talking about possible changes to the well ordinance, and that the Environmental Commission has become active in with this project.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that a yearend report must be done for the environmental commission, and also work on the goals for 2012.

Sandra McNicol talked about an article out of the New York Times regarding the large amount of deaths to the bats in the Pittsburgh area, which are caused by the caused the wind generators out in western PA.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

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