

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2012  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:45 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 by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News on February 9, 2012 and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on February 1, 2012. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on February 1, 2012.

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  
David Posey  
Sandra McNicol  
Lois Voronin  
Timothy Cahalin  
Elaine Niemann (arrived at 8:00pm)

Absent

Joseph Zgurzynski  
Richard Abbott  
Cynthia Niciecki

**Minutes**

- (1). Approval of the March 27, 2012 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the meeting minutes of the March 27, 2012 regular meeting minutes for the Environmental Commission.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Correspondence**

- (2). Copy of Letter from the H. C. Planning Bd. Re: Ukarish Farm Subdivision – Final

2.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. No comments from the commission.

### **Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

(3). HCSCD Notice – Re: Canal Dredging/Maintenance Program Delaware & Kingwood Twp.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and stated they did not get the proper permits for this project.

(4). HCSCD Notice – Re: Kingwood Auto Repair Block 6, Lot 24

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

### **Reports**

(5). FYI - Copy of Letter From the NJ Water Supply Authority (Todd Kratzer) to Park and Recreation Committee Re: Requesting Approval for Installation of Rain Monitor

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that Todd Kratzer had given a written presentation of the installation of the rain monitor project to be installed at the Kingwood Park, to the Park and Recreation Committee. She noted that the Parks and Recreation Committee approved the project at their March meeting.

(6). Notice to Neighboring Landowners, Local Agencies and Local Officials from PSEG

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

### **Old Business**

#### Sustainable Jersey – Green Team Update

Tim Cahalin noted that he had received a list of the four buildings and addresses that were a part of the energy grant program from the Clerk's office. He explained that he will be doing a walk through monitoring the buildings of what exactly was done for the energy audit. He will be going building to the building reviewing all the work completed. He explained what the next steps were to apply for the points. He stated that he will be going through the energy audit to find out how many points the Township will obtain. Sandra McNicol offered to go with Tim Cahalin to the buildings to assist, and help him go over everything. Elaine Niemann would like the Township's DPW Supervisor Mark Petro to walk Tim Cahalin through the building to show him where everything is located. Tim Cahalin noted that the Township will be obtaining points by updating the Environmental Commission's website, which Debbie Kratzer has already done.

#### Recycling Update

### 3.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked Elaine Niemann if she would like to report what is new with recycling. Elaine Niemann noted that the tonnage reports will be going out after the deadline this year, because Raritan Valley does not give the Township the categories for the items. She explained that when Raritan Valley gives the reports to the township they do not give all the categories. She noted that Allen Dilly, Recycling Coordinator of Franklin Township is working with the township's Recycling Coordinator, Lynn Porter to look into this, and to get in touch with Raritan Valley Disposal. She also noted that Lynn Porter will be working with the State to see what is required.

David Posey and Elaine Niemann will volunteer and help with Recycling on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which will also be the first clean-up day of the season from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

#### Rocket Composter – Update

Gail Ashley noted that she spoke to the school, and that they feel that it is too much right now. It would be too hard to monitor the children. Everyone thanked Gail Ashley for looking into this idea.

#### **Old Business Continued**

##### MEL – Update

Elaine Niemann noted that she had been in contact with Gavin from MEL who is now Basil Homel's replacement. She explained that he is willing to come and speak to the Environmental Commission. He will be in contact to give the township some dates of when he can meet. She noted that they will provide a spread sheet of reports of the quarterly well sampling of the wells located near MEL. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that she would like to see results as long as 20 years ago if possible.

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

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that this ordinance is what was given to the Planning Board with a sample ordinance from another town to review. She noted that the Planning Board spent several meetings reviewing the ordinance. She stated that they still have several questions about the ordinance. She would like the Commission Members to give their opinion, comments and suggestions for a name for the ordinance. They had a lengthy discussion and decided it should be called "Threatened and Endangered Species, Habitats and Environmental Impact Assessment." Debbie Kratzer noted that there have been several changes in the ordinance over the past several months. She reviewed several of the changes and asked for comments from the members. The Commission Members worked together for approximately a two hours on a work session to review and go over the ordinance categories. There were several suggestions and changes that the Commission Members would like changed.

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Debbie Kratzer noted the changes as they were discussed by each category. She stated that the Planning Board Attorney wrote the ordinance. Sandra McNicol also explained that the Planning Board will review the changes in the categories. The Commission Members decided that it was getting late, and that they would review the remainder of the ordinance at next month's meeting.

Forest Harvest Bill - Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Elaine Niemann noted that a resolution was adopted by the Township Committee opposing the bill.

Driveway Ordinance – Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that they have not been working on this ordinance at this time, but will in the future.

NJ Invasive Species Strike Team Meeting of March 29, 2012 – Meeting Review

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there is a form to be filled out and sent back for anyone that is interested in meeting with the field workers. She asked the Commission Members if anyone was interested in meeting the field workers at the Horseshoe Bend Park to learn more about the invasive species. She asked the members to let her know if they were interested.

(7A). Copy of 2012 NJISST Field Steward Contract Reg. 2012 - Final

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Lois Voronin to Review NJDEP 2007 Wetland Delineation for Ukarish Farm

No update at this time.

**New Business**

(7B). Horseshoe Bend Park Management Plan – Planning Process

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the list from Richard Dodds. Sandra McNicol reviewed the meeting that was at the Kingwood School on April 19<sup>th</sup>, which was to obtain additional ideas for the Horseshoe Bend Park. She noted that there were a few individuals who attended and gave their ideas. She also reviewed an event that was held at the park where everyone planted 100 tree seedlings, which were donated by the County. She noted that it went very well and it was very well organized. She stated that many people showed up to help plant the trees and that it was a fun day.

(8). Copy of Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan/Proposed Solar Farm – Syncarpha Alethea II, LLC 550 Barbertown Point Breeze Road - Block 21, Lot 1

5.

Sandra McNicol noted that the application was submitted and will be reviewed in May at the next Planning Board meeting.

**(9).** Copy of Resolution No. 2012 – 39 Adopted by the Twp. Committee

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the resolution that was adopted by the Township Committee.

**(10).** Notice from the DEP re: Block 4, Lot 10.08 Heating Oil Underground Tank

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**(11).** Notice from the DEP re: Block 9, Lot 17 Heating Oil Underground Tank

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Review New Info for Environmental Issues on Website

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed what was updated on the website.

**Open Space**

Sandra McNicol – Reports on Open Space Advisory/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting from April 3, 2012

Chairwoman of the Open Space Committee Sandra McNicol reviewed the meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2012. She noted that there was a Freeholders meeting recently and that several people attended. She stated that the meeting was to discuss the County Open Space Tax and how they would like to utilize the funds.

Bulls Island News

Sandra McNicol noted that the NJDEP has decided that they will be cutting down approximately 200 trees on the State park grounds. She noted that this was due to a death of a camper last summer, and the danger of the trees on the park. She stated that if anyone would like more info on this, to contact her and she will send them more information.

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:15PM. All voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted  
Cynthia L. Keller,  
Secretary