

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2013
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:40P.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 the Courier News on January 31, 2013, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 23, 2013. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building in January 23, 2013.

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
Timothy Cahalin
Diana Haywood

Absent

Gail Ashley
Cynthia Niciecki
Willard Reasoner
Joe Zgurzynski

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

No public present.

Minutes

(1). Approval of April 23, 2013 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the April 23, 2013 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes.

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Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Kratzer, Voronin, McNicol, Posey, Cahalin
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Ashley, Niciecki

Correspondence

N/A

Notice of upcoming meetings:

ANJEC Workshop – Protecting Our Streams: Taking Local Action (Tuesday, June 18th – 6:30PM – 8:45PM West Windsor Senior Center

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Rutgers Invites you to a Meeting to Preview Design of Online Mapping Tools for New Jersey Environmental Commissions – Seeking Participation of up to 30 members of New Jersey Environmental Commissions for a half-day session to provide input on the design of an online mapping tool to support environmental and environmental health activities at the local level. These sessions will take place in mid – June 2013

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She stated that if anyone is interested in attending these sessions, she would be glad to send more information.

Recycling News and Update

Volunteer for Recycling Saturday, June 8, 2013

Sandra McNicol volunteered to help out at the recycling center on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

She noted that two of the clean communities' applications are completed. She stated that she will be giving these to the Township Committee to review before they are submitted to the state. She noted that she is going to start the tonnage reports soon. She explained that the electronic collection that the township has had been collecting is coming to an end with DON JON. She explained that this is due to the new charges they have informed the township about, which will be starting the beginning of June. She explained that she sent this information to the Township Committee to review at their last meeting, and stated that they have decided to not continue their agreement with DON JON as of May 31, 2013. Sandra McNicol described all the ways she has tried to get through to the public to let them know there will no longer be electronic recycling at the Kingwood Recycling Depot. She noted that just in the last day she found a new company called New Tech, which they say that they will work basically the same way as DON JON.

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She also described another company that would even give the township money back for the tonnage amounts, but noted that the township would have to have at least 20 tons a year of recycling in order to qualify for the program. She noted that the e-waste problem may be solved. She noted that she has been working with the park directors at the Kingwood Park regarding replacing recycling and garbage cans at the Kingwood Park.

She explained that Kingwood Park Director, Jeffrey Frischer has requested to have several items at the park to make it easier. She noted that new signs will be made for the recycling area at the DPW, and that she and DPW Supervisor, Mark Petro has been working to find some kind of cover for the bins. Sandra McNicol found out this can be paid for with Clean Communities funds, which the township just received in the amount of \$16,000. She explained that some of this money will go to pay for the clean-up program for 2013. She also noted that there are tires being collected over at the DPW and explained that a man from Performance Tires will be coming to pick up a truck load for a flat fee. She stated that clean communities funds will pay for any type of clean up in the township. She stated that if anyone knows of any organizations that would like to do a clean-up to let her know.

Reports

- (2). Letter from Frey Engineering, LLC Re: Response Action Outcome Block 28, Lt. 14.02

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

- (3). Letter of Interpretation – Block 39, Lots 6.01 and 6.02

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol noted that Lot 6.01 is 7.5 acres and lot 6.02 in 2 acres.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Old Business

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey – Update

Kingwood Green Team/Frenchtown Green Team Environmental Commission's Rummage Sale at Morton Bldg. Horseshoe Bend Park – June 22 and June

Diana Haywood explained that the rummage sale will be on June 21, June 22nd, and 23rd in the Morton Building at the Horseshoe Bend Park from 8:00am – 2:00PM.

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She explained that the drop off for donations will be on Friday, June 14th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm and Saturday, June 15th from 8:00am – 12:00noon. She stated that the proceeds will be split between the two green teams.

MEL – Update

No update at this time.

Driveway Ordinance – Update

Sandra McNicol stated that this was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. She stated that a subcommittee met to come up with definitions and clarification for the ordinance. She explained that they are waiting for an update from the attorney. She noted that after the Planning Board reviews it, makes the changes it will go to the Township Committee for final adoption. She stated that as soon as she has more information she will bring it to the Commission to review.

Invasive Species – Update

No update at this time.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

Sandra McNicol gave a brief review of what is going on currently at the park. There was a discussion on the organizations that are using the park and the money that the park is generating. There was a discussion on the hunting program and when it will begin. She noted that she asked Richard Dodds to speak to the local farmers and ask them not to mow in that area for a few weeks so that the bobolinks and the grasshopper sparrows, which are both threatened bird species, cannot be disturbed. There was a discussion on the trails grant and the work that will be done with the grant money the township obtained. There was a discussion regarding an additional bathroom that will be added to the inside of Morton Building to meet state regulations.

(4). Photo of Signs – HBP

Sandra McNicol explained that the signs have been put up at the Horseshoe Bend Park to encourage the public to pick up after their dogs. She noted that they may put up a small trash can near the leash free dog area, which the DPW will empty once a week. She feels that the signs have helped quite a bit.

New Business

(5). EIS – Delaware River Tubing

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Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed aerial maps of Block 50, Lot 9 a proposed site plan for the Delaware River Tubing, which she received from the Board of Adjustment. The Commission also reviewed a floodplain map, a landscape project map and a wetlands map. There was a lengthy discussion and review of all the site plan maps provided by the Delaware River Tubing to be heard at a public hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:30pm. David Posey reviewed a report the township's planner prepared. The Commission made some suggestions to be presented as questions that the Board of Adjustment can ask at their hearing.

(6). NJWSA News Letter – Kingwood Park Project is Going Blue
NJWSA Needs Volunteers to Help with Planting the Kingwood Park Project

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the project that was started by Todd Kratzer. She explained that she will e-mail everyone more information about the project, so that everyone can volunteer. It was suggested to inform the Park Directors at the Kingwood Park of the project and to let them know everything that will be happening.

Site Plan Review

N/A

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Review of the May 7, 2013 Open Space and Ag Meeting

Sandra McNicol briefly reviewed an update of the May 7, 2013 Open Space and Ag meeting.

Adjournment

It was moved by David Posey, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:19PM. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary

