

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2013
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:39P.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
Gail Ashley
Sandra McNicol
David Posey
Tim Cahalin

Absent

Cynthia Niciecki
Diana Haywood
Joe Zgurzynski
Willard Reasoner

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

No public comments.

Minutes

(1). Approval of May 28, 2013 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the May 28, 2013 regular meeting minutes of the Environmental Commission.

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

Correspondence

N/A

Notice of upcoming meetings:

Recycling News and Updates

Volunteer for Recycling Saturday, August 10, 2013

Sandra McNicol noted that e-waste recycling is now back at the Department of Public Works. She explained that there is a container at the Recycling Center at this time and the company that we had prior wanted to raise the rates. She explained that they sold the business to a new company that is dealing with the township currently. There was a brief discussion regarding covers/shelter for the recycling bins so that the recycling items do not blow out all over the ground and fields. She noted that the Mayor would like to discuss the funds before purchasing anything. She explained that the first estimate was for \$24,000 to put up a covered building for the bins. She noted that she has learned a lot and that the tonnage reports take a lot of time. She noted that the township receives money for the weight of the tonnage collected. She noted that there is \$4,000 in the recycling M&A recycling account and that the metal price is down. She stated that the EC commission can decide what to do with the money or the township will decide. It was discussed that maybe the money can go towards some kind of recycling cover/shelter for the bins. The Commission Members expressed that they are very happy that the e-waste recycling is back and available in Kingwood. Tim Cahalin noted that he may have a structure to donate to the township, as far as, a cover for the recycling bins. Sandra McNicol will speak to Tim Cahalin more on this idea.

Reports

(2). Notice from NJDEP re: Block 28, Lot 14.06 263 Kingwood Sta. Barb. Rd

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained this is an underground storage tank – No further action.

(3). Notice from NJDEP re: Block 13, Lot 1 837 Route 519

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained this is an underground storage tank – No further action.

(4). Analytical Report – Water Test for Kingwood Park

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that the nitrate numbers in the testing were fine.

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(5). Analytical Report – Water Test for Old Fairview School House

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the tests seem to be fine.

(6). Notice from Environ Consultant re: Block 39, Lot 9.02

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. The Commission Members stated that they would like to review any letters of interpretation that come into the township to review in the future.

(7). Notice from the NJDEP re: Suspected Hazardous Substance – 1315 County Rd. 519

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and stated that this is an underground storage tank that was removed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Old Business

Delaware River Tubing

(8). EC Site Plan/ Subdivision Review – Delaware River Tubing Blk 50, Lot 9

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained what she prepared to be presented at the Board of Adjustment meeting this month. She stated that she was unable to attend the meetings, but that Sandra McNicol attended them and spoke to the Board regarding what the Environmental Commission is concerned about regarding the Delaware River Tubing.

Sandra McNicol explained what happened at the second Board of Adjustment meeting, which lasted approximately three hours. She stated that she went over all the questions that the Environmental Commission wanted reviewed by the Board. She explained that Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer prepared a lot of information to be presented. She explained that there will be several more meetings before the plan is approved.

(9). Phase I Environ. Site Assess

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that this was prepared to be given to the Board of Adjustment to review at the Delaware River Tubing's public hearing.

(10). The EDR Radius Map Report – Site Assess. Appd. D

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer gave this information to the Environmental Commission for their review.

(11). Letter re: Temp. Stairs for Delaware River Tubing – Block 50 Lot 9 100 Daniel
Bray Hwy

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Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the letter from the attorney for the Delaware River Tubing. The letter states that they are informing the township that they are submitting an application on behalf of the applicant. It stated that it is a permit to authorize the applicant to conduct regulated activities on DEP property. She explained that the applicant is requesting a permit and approval for placement of temporary stairs on the riverbank of the Delaware River.

(12). NJDEP Permit Placement – Temporary Stairs

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer

(13). Drawings and Maps of Fence and Stairs

The Commission Members reviewed the drawings of the proposed temporary stairs, which leads down to the riverbank for the tubers to get in and out of the water.

(14). Proposed Site Plan/Variance Application – Bl 50, Lt 9

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Filter Strip Planting at Kingwood Park

The Commission reviewed what plants were planted at the park and noted that a few of the members went over to look at the project.

(15). Ordinance No. 17-16-2013 Chapter 15- Environmental Commission – To Be Adopted on July 1, 2013

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that this is the amended ordinance the Township Committee recently adopted to update what the Environmental Commission has been doing all along.

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey – Update – Tim Cahalin noted that there is no update at this time.

(16). Review - Kingwood Green Team/Frenchtown Green Team Environmental Commission's Rummage Sale at Morton Bldg. Horseshoe Bend Park – June 22nd and June 23rd

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained the total donations received during the rummage sale, which were \$2,507.68. It was noted that the advertising cost was \$274.40 and the net to be split between Kingwood and Frenchtown Green Teams is \$2,233.28 or \$1,116.64 per community. There was a discussion to look into what this money can go towards.

MEL – Update

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No update at this time.

Driveway Ordinance – Update

(17). Ordinance No. 17-14-2013 Driveway Ordinance Adopted

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that this is the ordinance that was recently adopted by the township. Sandra McNicol explained that the Planning Board and the DPW Supervisor had put some input in the ordinance.

Invasive Species – Update

No update at this time.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

It was noted that Committeeman Dodds had volunteers to work on the trails at the Horseshoe Bend Park.

New Business

Community Day – September 21st

Well Water Discount Testing Program

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked for suggestions from the EC Commission to display at their table on Community Day. Sandra McNicol asked for suggestions of how to display something that would help prevent littering. There was a discussion of obtaining several quotes for the discount water testing, which the EC Commission offers at Community Day. There was a lengthy discussion regarding easier ways to obtain the water samples. Lois Voronin will be calling several labs for quotes.

(18). Rain Barrel Training Workshop - August 1st

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked the Commission Members if anyone was interested in attending.

Site Plan Review

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Update and Review of the June 4, Open Space and Ag Meeting – No meeting on July 2, 2013

Sandra McNicol stated that the Committees did not meet this month, but they did meet on June 4th. She noted that the Maplewood farm off of Hampton Road was preserved and that it ended up costing the township very little money. She explained that it is over 100 acres and is a prime soiled farm.

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She explained that it was all purchased by State funds and Federal Ranch Land funds. She stated that the only thing the township put towards this property were the costs towards a few appraisals. There was a brief discussion regarding the solar farms that are being constructed in the township.

Additional Items Added to Agenda : Letter from J. Tareila Environ Consultant
Re: Block 25, Lots 7, 7.14, 7.15

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the letter from the Environmental Consultant for Block 25, Lots 7, 7.14, 7.15.

Americorps Watershed Ambassadors – News Release

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Debbie Kratzer reviewed a request for a survey from Rutgers for Storm water projects – on line survey.

Adjournment

It was moved by David Posey, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller
Secretary