

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**June 24, 2014**

**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 February 6, 2014, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 29, 2014. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 29, 2014.**

**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  
Willard Reasoner  
Diana Haywood

**Absent**

Cynthia Niciecki  
David Posey  
Gail Ashley  
Tim Cahalin  
Joseph Zgurzynski

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

**Minutes**

- (1). Approval of the March 25, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

These minutes will be tabled until next month. There are not enough members present to approve the minutes.

- (2). Approval of the May 27, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

These minutes will be tabled until next month. There are not enough members present to approve the minutes.

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### **Old Business**

#### **Discuss Funds Available in the Amount of \$75.00 to Be Spent on the Rain Garden at Kingwood Park – Park and Recreation Account, Requested by the Parks and Recreation Committee**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the background of the funds that were donated to the native rain garden that was put up by an eagle scout years ago at the Kingwood Township Park. The Commission discussed different ideas to be purchased for the garden. Lois Voronin suggested either a new fence to replace the old one that broke or to purchase additional plants. She offered to go take pictures for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

N/A

### **Correspondence**

N/A

### **Notice of Upcoming Workshops and meetings:**

ANJEC is having a webinar workshop – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Social Media for Environmental Commissions from 7:00 – 8:00pm (How to connect with more people in more ways through social networking)

Sandra McNicol stated that she would like to attend the workshop.

### **Recycling News and Update**

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol reviewed the Clean-Up the Girl Scouts conducted on Saturday, June 7, 2014. She said they really enjoyed doing the clean-up and is willing to do it another day.

She briefly reviewed the tonnage report and the amounts received and the tough time getting businesses to give their recycling tonnage amounts from them.

#### **(6) Recycling Report – June 24, 2014**

Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol reviewed the following Recycling Report for June 24, 2014:

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## **Recycling Report Environmental Commission**

June 24, 2014

Recycling Dumpster swaps continue to run 6 to 8 per month total for Corrugated/Mixed Papers and Comingled. Rolloff expense is being paid for half out of Tonnage Grant and half as a line item from the township. I reduced permit charges from \$15/25 per car/truck to \$5/10.

New signs with instructions for recycling were made with assistance from the Hunterdon County Road Department and installed on the side of the salt barn.

Status of Grant Reports:

2013 Tonnage Report submitted to NJDEP in June

2013 Clean Communities Grant Spent down all but about \$200.00.

Expenditures included payment of cleanup dumpsters, new dog waste dispensers and bags, car litter bags (Community Day), litter containers for Kingwood Park, three mini-grants to local non-profits, road safety sign for litter patrols, carry in/carry out signs for Horseshoe Bend Park, the annual mailing to residents and various small purchases.

Grant award for 2014 Clean Communities is \$15,119.63.

Projects in the works: litter grabbers for roadside cleanups, hoops to hold litter bags open, tire reclamation over approximately 120 tires from DPW site, more gloves and vests, Community Day table.

Lean to as cover for Recycling Dumpsters: was approved by Clean Communities as an appropriate way to spend down old funds which are in excess of \$45,000. A resolution to spend the funds was introduced at the June 5, Township Committee meeting. Once through the process, building will get started.

Any remaining monies may be spent on past recycling dumpster bills which the Clean Communities organization agreed was an appropriate way to spend the past grant money.

E-waste – New Tech Recycling

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Metal collection – Klein Recycling (previous company was not sending checks after picking up of materials)

Sandra McNicol  
Recycling Coordinator  
Clean Communities Coordinator

Sandra McNicol explained that Holland Township has a trailer and is accepting recycling with Freon for free. The recycling center is at 131 Spring Mills Road in Holland Township. Hours of operation are every Saturday 9am – 3pm, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 9am – 3pm all year.

Everyone thanked Sandra for her thorough report.

### **Reports**

N/A

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

N/A

### **Action Items:**

Sustainable Jersey

No update at this time.

MEL- Update on Site Remediation Meeting with Representatives from MEL

(3). (Copy of Letter to Karl Muessig, State Geologist)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed the letter Gail Ashley wrote and sent out to the State Geologist. She noted that now we just wait to hear for a response.

### **Horseshoe Bend Park – Update**

Discuss Possible Invasive Plant Removal and Seed for Wildflower Meadow – Update

Debbie Kratzer has not had a chance to work on this yet. Sandra McNicol noted there may be a way to pay for the seeds to be planted at Horseshoe Bend Park. She stated that the Washington Crossing Audubon sent out a memo regarding a grant they have available for habitat restoration. She feels that it may be worth it to look into further.

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### **Kingwood Park**

#### Community Day –

(4). Septic Pumping Program

The Commission Members reviewed the prices for the discount septic pumping program from the company that submitted a quote.

(5). Discount Well Water Tests

The Commission Members reviewed the prices for the discount water testing program. Diane Haywood will be looking into another company for water testing to obtain additional quotes.

There was a discussion regarding the best way to get the word out about the well water testing discount program. Sandra McNicol suggested putting it on the Kingwood Twp. Facebook page, or put an ad in the Hunterdon Democrat in the free section. Lois Voronin suggested sending it to the Kingwood Township School for their website. This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting to decide who the township will be using for the testing .

### **Site Plan Review**

(7). New Application from the Planning Bd. Block 9 – Lot 13.01 and 13.03 Subdivision Application – Boundary Line Adjustment

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed the map and noted that this was for a line adjustment. She explained what the owners plans are for the adjustment.

### **Open Space**

#### Sandy McNicol – Open Space and Ag – No Meeting on June 3, 2014

Sandra McNicol stated that there was no meeting last month in June.

There was a brief discussion regarding the solar facility on Barbertown Point Breeze Road.

She noted that the Church property on Horseshoe Bend Road is still coming along.

Sandra McNicol noted that she wrote to the Audubon and the D & R Greenway. She explained that they contacted her regarding the status of a vote that will be coming up soon for a permanent source of funding for Green Acres. She feels that everyone may needs to take action.

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She will e-mail more of the information, and stated that if anyone can donate towards this project, to please do so.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed an “Invitation to Invasive Species Event” at 22 Horseshoe Bend Road in Frenchtown NJ, which is scheduled on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. She noted that this is from the Frenchtown Environmental Commission. She read aloud the flyer and how to dress for the day.

#### Adjournment

It was moved by Willard Reasoner, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller  
Secretary