

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2014
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30P.M. Vice Chairman David Posey 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

Lois Voronin
Sandra McNicol
Gail Ashley
Willard Reasoner
David Posey
Timothy Cahalin
Diana Haywood

Absent

Debbie Kratzer
Cynthia Niciecki
Joe Zgurzynski

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

Minutes

- (1). Approval of the November 18, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the November 18, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Old Business

New Business

Schedule a Date and Time for the Reorganization Mtg. in January 2015 - January 27th is the 4th Tues of the Month

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the date and time for the reorganization meeting for the Environmental Commission. The Commissioners all agreed on January 27th, 2015 at 7:30p.m.

(2). 2015 Budget Request

The Commission reviewed the budget request sheet and what they spent last year. They discussed what amount they would like to request this year.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Willard Reasoner and carried to approve to request the amount of \$900.00 for the 2015 Municipal Budget Request for the Environmental Commission.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Notice of Upcoming Workshops and meetings:

Third Annual New Jersey Invasive Species Conference – Wednesday, April 1, 2015

This will be discussed next month.

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

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Sandra McNicol explained that Lois Voronin closed the recycling center on Saturday, November 14th. Sandra McNicol explained that people are putting plastic bags in the bins. She explained that the lean-to is on its way to be installed at the recycling center.

Gail Ashley noted that she was there today and they were working around the salt building to get it ready for the lean-to. Sandra McNicol explained that after the building is up, that she is thinking of limiting the time for the recycling center to two days a week and on the second Saturday of each month. She explained that there were a lot of items that are not really for recycling. She explained that most people should be recycling through their trash company.

Sandra McNicol noted that she is going to try something different this year for the Clean Communities Program. She explained that she had heard about and suggested a company called Dove Environmental that will do demonstrations for educational classes. She will be contacting the Kingwood School to possibly schedule presentations to educate the children. She noted that they educate from kindergarten to senior ages. She will be contacting the school to speak to the Superintendent at the Kingwood School.

Timothy Cahalin feels that this would possibly be points towards the township's Sustainable Jersey Program. He noted that he will look into this further.

Reports

(3). Notice from the NJDEP – Re – Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permits – Cancellation

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

Nothing this month.

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey

Timothy Cahalin asked about Nathan Charron, Environmental Education Coordinator from HART being here at the last meeting. Diana Haywood explained everything he spoke to the Commission about, and how he is willing to help the Commission anytime to educate and get them going in the program and also to obtain points. Diana Haywood would like to have a meeting with the Kingwood Township's Sustainable Team in January of 2015 and invite Mr. Nathan Charron for assistance.

PennEast Pipeline

Update from Debbie Kratzer – Meeting of December 9, 2014

(4). Notes on 12/9/2014 DRBC Meeting/Notes on 11/20/2014 Meeting “The Science of Pipelines” From Debbie Kratzer

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Vice Chairman David Posey explained that these are a list of notes that Debbie Kratzer put together after the meetings. He reviewed over the projector for everyone the list of notes.

(5). Letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission – By - Debbie Kratzer

Debbie Kratzer to review next month.

(6). Kingwood Township CAP: Impact Homeowner Survey

Vice Chairman David Posey explained that this information is from Maureen Synchrony who gave this information for everyone to review.

(7). Draft Letter to the NJWSA - H. Patterson, Exec Director

Vice Chairman David Posey explained that this was a draft letter Debbie Kratzer prepared and wanted the Environmental Commission to review. The Environmental Commission all agreed that the letter is acceptable, and that she can send it just the way it is written. All agreed the letter sounded very good.

MEL- Update from Gail Ashley

Gail Ashley noted that she has not received a copy of the report from the spill at MEL, which recently happened in August. She noted that she spoke to several people requesting information and the report. She noted that it was supposedly cleaned up. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the test levels in the water near MEL.

(8). Letter to MEL – Request for Data from Gail Ashley

Gail Ashley reviewed the letter she prepared to MEL requesting data reports that have not been coming to the township recently.

Everyone present thanked Gail Ashley for all that she has done.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

Secretary Keller gave brief update of who is using the Horseshoe Bend Park.

Kingwood Park

Nothing new to report.

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Site Plan Review

There are no site plans to discuss.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol – Update from December 2, 2014 Open Space and Ag Meeting

Sandra McNicol explained that the Wydner Farm closed on Route 29 as a preserved farm. She noted that this has been in the process since 2006. She explained that all the updated information is on the website in the Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes.

Adjournment

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary