

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 26, 2015

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:46P.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 29th, 2015, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on January 21, 2015. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 21, 2015.

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
Diana Haywood
Timothy Cahalin

Absent

Sandra McNicol
David Posey
Willard Reasoner
Cynthia Niciecki
Joe Zgurzynski

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Minutes

(1). Approval of April 28, 2015 Environmental Commission Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the April 28, 2015 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes with the following corrections:

2.

Comments or Corrections:

Page #5 Under (14a). Updated PennEast Pipeline Maps – To be Reviewed on Projector – First Paragraph, second sentence states: **She explained that the preferred location is to be constructed through Delaware Township, but that it will be going through Kingwood Township. Replace with: “She explained that the preferred location for a pipe yard is to be in Delaware Township, but that the alternate pipe yard location is in Kingwood Township”.**

Page#6 Under Site Plan Review (16). Block 6, Lot 21 (1121 State Route 12) Delaware River Tubing, second paragraph, second sentence state: **The Commission feels that there are no real environmental concerns except idling in the parking lot, which would be one of the concerns. Replace with:** The Commission feels the environmental concerns that should be addressed include idling in the parking lot, number of portable toilets so as not to stress the restaurant’s septic system, to ascertain that no water will be used on the site and that the environmental assessment is not complete, because the Natural Heritage Report has not yet been received.

Page#6 Last paragraph – Motion – first line – States: It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Vornin and carried to amend the motion and approve to include recommending that the Board of Adjustment wait for the Landscape Data before giving an approval for this site plan. **Replace with:** It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Vornin and carried to **amend** the motion and approve to include recommending that the Board of Adjustment wait for the Landscape Data before giving an approval for this site plan.

Under **Action Items:**

Sustainable Jersey – Update - Diana Haywood suggested that the title Sustainable Jersey be changed to Sustainable Kingwood for future agendas and minutes.

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

Correspondence

(2). Hunterdon County 2015 Community Day information – E-Mail and Sponsorship Appl.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(3). Hunterdon County Community Day Flyer – FYI

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

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(4). Hunterdon County 2015 Community Municipal Letter

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops:

N/A

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol, Recycling Coordinator was not present at the meeting. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that she spoke with Sandra McNicol, and she reported that there have been two more clean-ups along the roads.

Reports

(5). MV Laboratories Inc. Bl 15 L 8.04 Amendment

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that this states this is correspondence to amend response action outcome of October 7, 2014 for remedial action type: unrestricted use. She noted that this has been cleaned up and completed.

(6). Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge – Diesel Fuel – Hammer Rd/Kingwood Locktown Rd.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted this is where a truck went into a ditch and there was a diesel fuel spill. Diana Haywood noted that the Department of Public Works went out to help.

(7). Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge – Oil Transformer UNK PCB –849 Cty Rd 519

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that this was cleaned up.

(8). Site Specific WQMP Amendment Block 49, Lots 21 & 23

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(8a). Site Specific Amendment & Revision Application - Block 49, Lots 21 & 23

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(9). Domestic or Industrial Treatment Facilities Table Format Outline Bloc 49, Lots 21 & 23

4.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the map over the projector. It was noted that this is an indoor bio-integrated production, which is a proposed project located in Franklin and Kingwood Townships. The project is a closed recirculation fish production system. The Environmental Commission noted their concerns for this project. Debbie Kratzer reviewed the map with the Commission Members. The Commission's concerns were regarding the septic system and the well water and the shortage of the water. There was a discussion regarding the drainage system for the project. Secretary Keller will be finding out more information from the Planning Board Secretary for the next meeting.

(10). Q.C. Labs – Analytical Report Water Test for the Municipal Bldg.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that this test came out negative.

(11). Q.C. Labs – Analytical Report Water Test for Kingwood Park Bathroom Sink

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that this test came out negative.

(11a). Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist – BI 15, L 4 & 6 General Permit Authorization

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

(12). Block 28, Lot 10.03 – Barbieri Builders Corp. – Final Report of Compliance

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(13). Block 6, Lot 21 - Delaware River Tubing, Inc. – Letter of Conditional Certification

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

New Business

(14). Annual Report for 2014

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that she will have this for the next month.

(14a). Stormwater Education Points for 2014 – E-mail from EC Chair to Engineer

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that this is very similar to last year.

Old Business

N/A

5.

Action Items:

Sustainable Kingwood – Update

Update on Meeting with Nathan Charron – HART

Timothy Cahalin noted that a few members of the Sustainable Kingwood Team met with Nathan Charron from HART this evening before the Environmental Commission meeting. He and Diana Haywood explained how Nathan Charron guided them as to which way to go to work for their Sustainable Jersey Certification for Kingwood Township. She explained that the Sustainable Kingwood Team would need to apply by submitting any projects into the State by the beginning of June, and then any of the projects they have submitted need to be completed by the end of August. After that the projects will be approved by the State and certified by November. Tim Cahalin noted that Kingwood has already completed a lot of projects, which just need to be reviewed and sent in for approval. Diana Haywood stated that they need to go back and review what they completed so far, and then Nathan Charron will meet with them again to go over what they may need to complete to submit the application to become certified.

MEL – Update

Gail Ashley noted that she has offered to draft a letter to send out to the residents near MEL who have gotten their well water tested. She noted that she would like to reach out to the individuals and speak to them since their wells are no longer being tested by MEL. She noted that other than that nothing new is happening. She explained that a gentleman named Bernard Reichart from Delaware Township had his water tested and she noted that the results for arsenic were very high in his well. She stated that Steven Spade from the State came out and took water and has not gotten the results back yet.

On Going Well Water Resource Inventory

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there has been no update from Anthony Hauck at this time.

PennEast Pipeline: Update

(15). Copy of Memo to B.O.A. – Comments from EC

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the PennEast Pipeline should have their environmental impact statement done in July, and the information from these resource reports are the basis for the impact statement. She noted that the sooner the Environmental Commission can get their comments in the better.

There was a discussion regarding wells and the setbacks and the concerns of how it will affect the ground.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that several people can get together as a subcommittee to discuss getting the comments and review the reports and maps and talk about them together.

6.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update
Pollinator Meadow Project - Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed an update on the Pollinator Meadow Project. She noted that the seeds were ordered and that the grant paid for them. Jack MacConnell plowed half the field to prepare it and get it ready for where the seeds would be planted. She described how they distributed the seeds on the field. She noted that there were several volunteers to help and that they mixed the seeds with kitty litter and then by hand threw the seeds in the tilled field.

Kingwood Park - Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there is nothing new to report this month.

Site Plan Review

Block 6, Lot 21 (1121 State Route 12) Delaware River Tubing – Update from BOA

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol – Update on Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting of May 5, 2015.

Debbie Kratzer noted that Sandra McNicol told her that there is not much new to update this month.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM. All voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller
Secretary