

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2015
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35P.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
Diana Haywood
Gail Ashley
Tim Cahalin
David Posey
Willard Reasoner**

Absent

**Cynthia Niciecki
Joe Zgurzynski
Sandra McNicol**

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

No public comments.

Minutes

(1). Approval of September 22, 2015 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the September 22, 2015 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

2.

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

Correspondence

(2). E-mail – Immediate Release/Christie Administration Proposes Common Sense Overhaul to Water Quality Management Planning Rule

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops:

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol was not present at the meeting to give a report.

Reports

(3). Analytical Report from Eurofins QC Labs – Kingwood Park Pavilion

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the report was fine.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

New Business

(4). E-mail from ANJEC - Statewide Water Supply Plan

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that State law requires that the SWSP must be updated every five years. The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is encouraging municipalities to advocate for the prompt release of an updated version of the Statewide Water Supply Plan. The current Plan was developed in 1996, and is no longer adequate to provide scientific or policy guidance of New Jersey's communities. A dependable supply of clean water is critical for a healthy economy and quality of life in New Jersey, as well as to sustain wildlife and natural systems.

(5). Resolution in Support of Clean Water Supplies

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the draft resolution. The Environmental Commission all agreed that this should be adopted in Kingwood Township.

3.

It was moved by David Posey, seconded by Willard Reasoner and carried to approve to authorize Chairwoman of the Environmental Commission to recommend to the Township Committee and by sending a memo requesting they consider the adoption of this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Kratzer, Voronin, Ashley, Posey, Reasoner, Cahalin (final vote)
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- Cahalin(first vote)
	Absent	- McNicol, Niciecki

Tim Cahalin reviewed the draft resolution after the vote and requested that he also voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Old Business

Community Day Review

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed Community Day, September 19, 2015. She explained that the Discount Septic and Water testing programs this year was very popular and did very well.

ANJEC Annual Conference – Report from Debbie Kratzer

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the conference was very informative.

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey – Kingwood Green Team Update

Timothy Cahalin noted that there is no update at this time.

MEL – Update

Update from Gail Ashley

(6). History of Communications with William Kraft, Environ Intern. for MEL

Gail Ashley asked if there has been any response from Environ to the Mayor Dodds since the last time there was communication with William Kraft. Secretary Keller noted that there has been nothing new sent to the Mayor regarding a report that was requested as of this date.

On Going Well Water Resource Inventory

N/A

PennEast Pipeline: - Update

(7). Ordinance Banning Hydraulic Fracturing – Continue Discussion

4.

There was a brief discussion on the draft ordinance. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked everyone to review the ordinance again and to send their comments to Lois Voronin. She stated that this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

(8). Kingwood Twp. EC Commission – Motion to Intervene

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the submission description for the motion to intervene for the Environmental Commission. She read aloud the list of comments.

(9). Kingwood Twp. Committee Motion to Intervene

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the submission description for the motion to intervene for the Kingwood Township Committee and read aloud the comments.

(10). Update from Penn East Pipeline

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the updated letter from PennEast.

(11). NJ Section Map – Proposed Penn East Pipeline – October 2015

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the updated map over the projector.

(11a). Copy of Resolution 2015-02 Adopted by Twp. Board of Health

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Diana Haywood gave a brief review of what the Board of Health talked about and the resolution they adopted.

(11b). Copy of Letter from to PennEast Pipeline Attny. Re- NJ Surveys

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the letter from the Township's Attorney to the PennEast Pipeline.

(11c). Message to Debbie Kratzer from the NJDEP in Response to Letter of Sept 23rd

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the message sent today in response to her letter received of September 23rd, 2015. The message basically stated that they received her letter and that the Enforcement Representative for the NJDEP will be reviewing this information that the Environmental Commission is concerned about, and get back to her as soon as possible. They also thanked Debbie Kratzer for sending her letter.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

Pollinator Meadow Project

(8). Meadow Restoration and Habitat Enhancement – KT Environ Comm.

5.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed a power point presentation for everyone. She explained that these seeds were obtained by funds from a grant through the State.

She explained that volunteers are needed to help seed the new native plant pollinator meadow at Horseshoe Bend Park, which will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 12:30-1:30pm. It is located at the south entrance across from Spring Hill Road. She stated that if anyone is about to volunteer to contact her and let her know.

She reviewed the different kinds of plants and the pictures she took of the progress of the last plantings growth in the spring.

Kingwood Park - Update -

N/A

Site Plan Review

N/A

Open Space

Sandra McNicol – Update on Open Space and Ag

There has not been a meeting since June. Agricultural Advisory Committee Met on October 13th, 2015 for a Special Meeting to Speak to Liz Schmid – Prospective Properties to Preserve in the Township.

Sandra McNicol was not present at the meeting.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Keller
Secretary