

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2016
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:36P.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 4, 2016, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on January 27, 2016. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 27, 2016.

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
Diana Haywood
Timothy Cahalin

Absent

Willard Reasoner
Cynthia Niciecki
Joseph Zgurzynski

Public Comments/Privilege of the Floor

There were no public comments.

Minutes

(1). Approval of November 15, 2016 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting.

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

(2). Article from Sandra McNicol – Study Finds Jersey a Hot Spot for Teflon Chemicals in Water

Commission Member Sandra McNicol reviewed the article to the Commission Members.

(2a). Copy of Thank You Letter to Steve Spayd

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates

Reminder - 21st Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally – Friday, March 17, 2017 New Brunswick NJ www.njconservation.org/conservationrally.htm

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol noted that the Recycling Center was open this past weekend on Saturday. She stated that she received a call from Gail Ashley letting her know that water softener bags can be recycled at Lowes. Also that bags of shredded paper are accepted at the UPS Store at the second circle in Flemington.

Reports

(3). Letter of Interpretation-Extension Application – Block 40, Lot 8

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol noted this property is on Tumble Falls Road and is 21.9 acres.

(3a). Update on the Drought Condition for New Jersey

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the update on the drought condition for New Jersey. She provided a chart and map of the data, which showed a slight improvement in the drought. She noted that we still need a lot more rain.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

New Business

(4). Environmental Commission – Annual Report Draft

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that she will work on this for next month.

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(5). 2017 Planning Time for Environmental Commissions – ANJEC

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that this is an annual reminder from ANJEC for a donation.

(6). Discuss and Approve Budget Request for 2017 for the Environmental Commission

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the budget request form for 2017. There was a brief discussion regarding how much the Environmental Commission may need for next year.

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to request the amount of \$1,200.00 for the Environmental Commission Budget for 2017.

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

(7). Stormwater Construction Master General Permit (5G3) Draft Renewal

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed.

(7a). NJDEP – Division of Water Quality Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control – Public Notice

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed the public notice.

Discuss and Schedule a Reorganization Meeting for January 2017 – January 24th, 2017 – 4th Tuesday

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve to advertise the date of January 24, 2017 at 7:30P.M. for the Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting.

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

New Business Continued

(8). Radon Action Partnership Packet

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the Radon Action Partnership Packet. The Environmental Commission all agreed to order the free brochures for the municipal building along with the free trinkets with radon information on them to give out to the public.

(9). Resolution No. 2016 – 123 Radon Action Month

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the resolution, which was adopted by the Kingwood Township Committee.

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Old Business

Update on Chris Citgo

(10). Article – Public Health Statement for Boron

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that everyone should read this information.

(11). Guidelines – Boron in Drinking Water

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the guideline for Boron in drinking water.

(11a). Letter of March 7, 2016 from JM Sorge Inc.Re: Chris Citgo

(11b). Memo from Sandra McNicol - JM Sorge Inc/Re: Chris Citgo

Commission Member Sandra McNicol reviewed the letter of March 7, 2016 from JM Sorge Inc. She also read aloud a memo she wrote to JM Sorge stating that on December 5, 2016, I phoned JM Sorge to get an update on their project at Chris' Citgo. Speaking with James Vander Vliet, Senior Manager on the project, I learned the following Details:

- There was an upgrade to the underground gasoline storage tanks and some leaks were Found.
- Impacted soil has been removed
- Some contaminants made it into the water table, but have been isolated down gradient to the south and west
- Test wells are on the property and across Route 12 (see exhibit B from documentation sent by JM Sorge, Inc. to the Kingwood Township Clerk dated March 7, 2016 in packet)
- CEA within limits (CEA is the NJDEP document – Classification Exception Area – also in the same documentation received by the Clerk.
- Levels of contamination very low

She noted “ As an aside, I asked Mr. Vander Vliet that if you were to test a well for these contaminants, what would you test for. He said Volatile Organic.

One more item, I ran into a neighbor who lives on Lower Oak Grove Road north and diagonal to the site and he stated he was never notified about any of the work being done or any problems.

The Commission discussed whether or not they need to follow up. They reviewed results from three test wells. There was a discussion regarding who should write a letter to the landowners surrounding Chris' Citgo suggesting that their wells get tested for ground water contamination. Sandra McNicol spoke to a neighbor of Chris' Citgo regarding whether or not anyone tested their water.

The Commission decided to wait until next month to decide whether or not to write a letter after Sandra McNicol speaks to the neighbor once more. She noted that the Environmental Commission needs to get the word out. The Commission discussed the township's Board of Health and they feel that they should be more informed about the contamination around the property.

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Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey – Kingwood Green Team Update

Timothy Cahalin noted that they are not working on anything at this time.

MEL – Update

Update from Gail Ashley/Tim Cahalin

Timothy Cahalin noted that there is not much new this month. He is waiting for a final report from Environ.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the letter David Posey prepared for the residents, businesses and neighbors surrounding MEL. David Posey noted that he will get together with Secretary Keller to work together to get his letter out to them at the end of January. He noted they need at least 25 signatures to get the LSP Officer to come out and check this area out. There was also a discussion to invite the public to come speak to the Environmental Commission at a meeting in the future.

Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc.

Updates

Meeting Scheduled for Franklin Twp. on December 14th

Diana Haywood noted that Attorney, David Pierce has many questions to ask at the next Franklin Twp. Land Use Board meeting on December 14th, 2016, which is a new meeting on the Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc. She noted that the company obtained a new hydro geologist and that SAS, Inc. asked for a waiver on the well testing. She noted that Franklin Twp. has a similar well ordinance as Kingwood Twp. Debbie Kratzer noted they did not apply with the Delaware River Canal Commission. She stated the meeting is tomorrow evening at Franklin Twp. at 7:30PM if anyone would like to attend.

(12). Finalized Letter Prepared by Attorney David Pierce to Franklin Twp. LUB

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the letter prepared by Attorney David Pierce.

PennEast Pipeline: - Update

(13). Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Review of the PennEast Pipeline Project

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the revised schedule.

(14). Newsletter from FERC – Project Update for the PennEast Pipeline Project

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the project update from PennEast.

(15). Newsletter from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation – Re: Update on PennEast

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the newsletter, which shows the entire process.

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(16). EC Comments on Route 12, 12-05-2016 – To FERC Re: PennEast Pipeline

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the comments, which were sent to FERC regarding the PennEast Pipeline.

(17). Final Version of the Kingwood Comments to FERC

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the final version of the comments sent to FERC. She noted that Richard Dodds (on behalf of Kingwood Township) and Maureen Syrnick (on behalf of Kingwood Citizens Against the Pipeline) sent in several comments to FERC.

(17a). EPA Releases Final Report on Impacts from Hydraulic Fracturing Activities on Drinking Water Resources

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed the article regarding how fracking causes water problems by contamination. She noted that there is not an official comment period, and that PennEast would not share their GIS files.

(18). Document with Links to Other Kingwood Comments

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the document and the links to comments she provided for the Commission to review.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

Pollinator Meadow Project – Update

Sandra McNicol explained she redid the layout for the sign for the Pollinator Meadow. She noted that some information needed to be adjusted to allow for the frame she has ordered for the sign. She noted that it will be completed in the near future possibly in January. She noted that the cost is \$1,000.00 with will come out of the Holden Grant. She described the details of the sign.

Site Plan Review

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Review of the Open Space and Agricultural Meeting of December 6, 2016

Open Space Chairwoman, Sandra McNicol reviewed the end of the year Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting. She noted that she prepared a list of all the preserved farms in the township, which they reviewed an updated map prepared by Richard Dodds.

(18a). Updated Preservation Map – Public Open Space and Preserved Farms Map

Sandra McNicol reviewed the updated preservation map of Kingwood Township over the projector for everyone.

Adjournment

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:30P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary