

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 27, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Chairperson Deborah 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 December 21, 2017, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on December 14, 2017. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on December 14, 2017.

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

Deborah Kratzer
Gail Ashley
Ralph Celebre
Mara Tippet
Timothy Cahalin
Maureen Synchronick
Sandra McNicol

Absent

Cynthia Niciecki
Willard Reasoner
Lois Voronin

Public Comments

Approval of October 23, 2018 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the October 23, 2018 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes noting typographical corrections.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	- Kratzer, Ashley, McNicol,
Nay	- None
Abstain	- Cahalin, Celebre, Tippet
Absent	- Reasoner, Niciecki, Voronin

Correspondence

HCSCD Reports of Compliance:

92 Featherbed Lane /Block 26 Lot 23
Reviewed

7 Old Road / Block 39 Lot 15.12
Reviewed

140 Hammar Road / Block 22 Lots 15.01, 16.01 and 16.11

Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan

Deborah Kratzer had concerns regarding the extent of wetlands though the area

Maureen Syrnick stated that the original developer sold this development to Galleria Construction and Sandra McNicol added that the subdivision and work on this development began before the 2004 change in Wetland Regulations.

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates

N/A

Reports

Boundary Line Adjustment Plan

26, 28 and 39 Millstone Road, Stockton

Block 34 Lots 10, 10.01, 10.02, 10.03

Sandra McNicol discussed the property and the boundary line issue. There was one landlocked parcel that three other properties “absorbed” and that parcel has been taken off of the tax map.

Action Items

Sustainable Jersey “Roots for Rivers” Plan

Deborah Kratzer discussed the grant application for the “Roots for Rivers” tree planting project for 2019. In the past Kingwood Township has partnered with Hunterdon Land Trust when they applied for this grant. Mara Tippet noted that if the Commission is applying as a municipal Environmental Commission then the application would go through Sustainable Jersey. If the Commission is partnering with Hunterdon Land Trust then the application would be go through Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Institute. The application deadline is December 14, 2018.

Other Matters

Commission Members’ Terms Review

Tabled to December meeting

Recycle News and Update

Sandra McNicol stated that there are a few organizations that would like to do spring clean-up projects.

Paper recycling is going well. Co-mingled continues to be an issue. There is concern for the public’s understanding of what refuse is recyclable and what condition it needs to be in.

Sustainable Kingwood

Targeted areas for meeting Bronze level:

- 25% of municipal office copy paper used need to be recycled copy paper.
- Host a Shred Event in the Municipality. Hunterdon County will hold a shred event at Kingwood in 2019 which will count towards criteria.
- The municipality needs to have a recycling ordinance for local businesses. Sandra McNicol will confirm that all Kingwood business have recycle dumpsters.

Horseshoe Bend Park – News and Update

The park is in need of a volunteer to remove dog waste at the Leash Free Area since Michael Flood can no longer do this job. David Hewitt, Park and Rec chair is covering until someone offers to volunteer.

Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting News and Update

Nothing to report at this time.

Luxfer/MEL – Update

Deborah Kratzer, Gail Ashley and Lois Voronin completed the verbatim transcription of the December 4, 2017 Special MEL Meeting.

Gail Ashley was concerned about the report of salt in this transcript. She believes that the high levels were reported but they have never addressed the cause.

Ms. Ashley has tried to contact Luxfer/MEL to request a copy of the December 4, 2017 meeting power point presentation but calls were never returned. She also reminded the Commission the need to request a copy of a report that was due to NJDEP in fall of 2018.

Timothy Calahin stated he would like to see the test wells re-tested for salt and radioactive materials since the results presented at the special meeting were from 1990. Ms. Ashley stated that Luxfer/MEL is not obligated to retest the test wells. She also stated that she has not been able to make contact or get a response from either Luxfer or their consultant. In order to get a response someone higher up than she will need to reach out. Deborah Kratzer stated that it would be worthwhile to draft a letter from the Commission.

Maureen Synchron suggested that instead of requesting that the test wells be retested that the Commission should focus on the properties across the street from Luxfer/MEL. If those wells show contamination then we would request to widen the area for retesting.

PennEast Pipeline Update

No update. There is a meeting 11/28 at 7:30 at Prailsville Mill.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Sandra McNicol to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary

