

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes November 17, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:10P.M.

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 5, 2009 and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 28, 2009. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 28, 2009.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this committee or Board, 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

D. Kratzer
S. McNicol
N. Voigt
G. Ashley
C. Niciecki
E. Niemann
L. Voroinin

Absent

Walt Warneski
Joseph Zgurzynski

Minutes

Motion and adoption of minutes of October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

Comments: No Comments

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried the motion to adopt the October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, S. McNicol, C. Niciecki, L. Voronin, G. Ashley, N. Voigt
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- W. Warneski

Correspondence

Letter of Notice from Eastern States Environmental Associates Inc. re: Berezny, Block 8, Lot 44.01

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

ANJEC EQ Challenge Game

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer explained the EQ Challenge Game. The Commission members decided this would be a great idea for Community Day as an educational game for the public to play.

It was moved by Nicole Voigt, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve to order Kit#2 of the ANJEC EQ Challenge Game in the amount of \$29.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, S. McNicol, C. Niciecki, L. Voronin, G. Ashley, N. Voigt
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- W. Warneski

Reports

Environmentally Safe Disposal of Prescription Drugs Update

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed a compliance advisory update from the NJDEP regarding an environmentally safe way to dispose of prescription drugs. This is a notice for a first time statewide medical disposal that is scheduled for November 14, 2009 to bring expired/unused prescription drugs to an official collection location. There will be 420 participating New Jersey Police Department drop off locations throughout the state.

10/14/2009 Analytical Report – From QC Labs – re: 200 Union Road Park

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

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10/15/2009 Analytical Report – From QC Labs – re: 200 Union Road Park

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Volunteer needed for Saturday, December 12, 2009

Lois Voronin volunteered for the December 12th recycling day.

Cynthia Niciecki reported an update of the November 14th recycling day. She stated that everything went well, and that the cub scouts were there to help out. She reported that she took a 5 gallon container filled with batteries to the County Complex, and that there were several residents that dropped off computer accessories. Cynthia explained that she spoke to a representative from M & A Recycling in Hillsborough NJ, and stated that they would be able to bring a dumpster over to the Kingwood Township depot for metal items to be recycled. She also stated that the dumpsters are filling up every other week. Cynthia Niciecki will be asking the County at the next SWAC meeting if they have a place to dispose of freon from coolant systems, and what the charge would be to get rid of the item.

Old Business

Review Response to the Letter of October 31, 2009 – Scott Brubaker Asst. Commissioner

No response from Mr. Brubaker at this time, still waiting to hear.

Update to Open Space & Recreation Plan

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer noted that there will be a meeting of the project team in December. She stated that they will be planning a public meeting to speak about the Open Space and Recreation Plan to get input from the public. She noted that she has been working on a survey to distribute to the residents for the plan.

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update

Elaine Niemann noted that two more individuals have joined the green team. She explained that they are still working on the solar panels for the Township Garage. She explained that the paperwork is ready to submit for the energy audit, and the Green Team is reviewing groundwork for 2010.

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Deer Overpopulation – Update

No update at this time. Cynthia Niciecki noted that it is now bow season.

New Business

Review Budget Request for 2010

The Commission reviewed the budget from last year and what they expect to anticipate for the year 2010.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve a budget request for the amount of \$1,750.00 for the year 2010.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, S. McNicol, C. Niciecki, L. Voronin, G. Ashley, N. Voigt
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- W. Warneski

**REMINDER: MEETING NEXT MONTH IS ONE WEEK EARLIER
(December 15, 2009)**

Deborah Kratzer reminded all the members of the earlier date of the next meeting in December.

Action Items:

Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews

N/A

Wastewater Management Plan

No update at this time.

MEL – Update

Elaine Niemann will be contacting Environ. She read aloud an e-mail from MEL Representative Mr. Gavin.

Open Space

Open Space Chairman Sandra McNicol reviews meeting of November 5, 2009

Sandra McNicol stated that the Open Space question that was on the ballot, passed in Kingwood Township. She explained that the Crouse property closed, the Clark property closed, and that Richard Dodds is in the process of posting the Clark property. She explained that everyone is hoping that the property on Horseshoe Bend closes before the end of the year. She explained that Liz Schmid is working on the farmland preservation element, and that it had been sent to the State for approval. Elaine Niemann noted that the Gergar property will be the Township's property later this week.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

Gail Ashley noted that the sign for recycling is no longer on the corner of Rt. 519 and Union Road. The Commission all agreed to order a permanent recycling sign to be put up on the end of Union Road and Rt. 519. The signs will say, Kingwood Township Recycling Center with an arrow towards the direction of the center. Cynthia Niciecki will get together with Secretary Keller to order the signs. A motion for spending the funds for the sign will be taken at the next meeting, when a bill has been submitted to the Township for the full amount spent.

Gail Ashley asked questions regarding the results for the water well testing for the Township program that was back in September. She wanted to know if Q.C. would be notifying the Township with a copy of the results. Lois Voronin responded.

Sandra McNicol asked if anyone had attended the County meeting regarding transportation strategy. Elaine Niemann stated that she had attended the meeting and discussed what they talked about at the meeting. She noted that it was very informative.

Sandra McNicol noted that she attended a lecture last week called "Bring Nature Home". She stated that it was very interesting and informative and it was all about bringing native plants back to home properties.

Sandra McNicol explained an article she saw in the paper regarding a piece of property in Holland Township. She noted it is 425 acre preserve. She stated that the County has appealed to Greenacres asking them to purchase another lane along Rt. 519. She said they are looking into to purchasing some of the Greenacres property to make the lane. She noted that there will be public hearing at the Holland Township Municipal Building on December 9, 2009 at 6:00PM if anyone is interested. She also stated that the Road Plans are available for review at the Roads, Bridges, and Engineering on Route 12, in Flemington.

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Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC
Secretary**