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**Introduction of Members and Welcome to the Commission - Gail Ashley**

The Commission members introduced themselves to new member, Gail Ashley. They welcomed her to the Environmental Commission and were very happy to have Gail join the group.

**Correspondence**

**Notice from Eastern States Environmental Associates/ Block 8 – Lot 44.01 – 1005 Route 12 - Joan Berezny**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Notice from the D.E.P. Re: Block 9, Lot 9, 26 Lower Oak Grove Road Unrestricted Use – No further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification & Statewide General Permits 2 & 10A Applications - Block 26, Lot 19.04 (Mr. Anthony Plesh)**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Memo from the Hunterdon County Dept. of Parks and Recreation re: Ninth Annual Earth Day Celebration - Saturday, April 25, 2008 at Deer Path Park in Readington Township**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed. She also mentioned that she would like to check with Elaine Niemann and put information on the web site.

**ANJEC – 2009 Membership Dues for ANJEC**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer noted that all the members would like to be signed up for the membership for ANJEC. She reviewed all the workshops which are available, and also stated that it will be a pay as you go to the workshops when someone wants to attend. Secretary Keller to contact Liz Schmid to see if she would still be interested in a ANJEC membership.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried the motion to approve the Environmental Commission to spend \$280.00 toward their ANJEC memberships, which will be renewed for 2009.



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Lower Delaware River Management Plan

Lower Delaware River Management Committee Action Plan – 2007 to 2011

Todd Explained a sheet he handed out of the Interrelationships of Watershed Reports. He noted that there is a meeting at the Prallsville Mill from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. There will be a discussion on the plan and the supporting documents for anyone interested in attending.

The Commissioners thanked Todd for his presentation.

**ANJEC – Smart Growth Planning Assistance Grants for Municipalities, Deadline Date: March 31, 2009**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed. She noted that the Township is now finishing up a grant from ANJEC from 2007. The Township did apply last year for an open space plan grant, but the Township was not chosen last year. She asked the members if they were interested in applying for a grant this year. The Commission will look into ideas for the grant through the ANJEC newsletter, which may have a list of ideas. Chairwoman Kratzer asked if the open space plan could go into the trail plan. Sandra McNicol explained that the Hunterdon Land Trust has hired a person for that project, which they are working on presently. It was noted that the deadline is March 31, 2009.

**LIST OF HUNTERDON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICES**

**Violation of Stop Construction Order/Notification of Assessed Fees Due: Grasso Dwelling Lot Block 25, Lot 7.10**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Letter of District Jurisdictional Determination – District Plan Certification Not Required Block 19, Lot 10.02 – Driveway and Garage**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Requirements – Minor Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment Block 12 Lot 16 & 58**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

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**Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan – Not required at this time – Minor Subdivision & Lot Line Adjustment, Block 12, Lot 16 & 58 – Goldenbaum Bail Associates**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Notification from the N.J.D.E.P.- Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 08-12-18-16-1045-10 – Location: Rt. 12 Business Park WWTP**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**D.E.P. Notice to a Tim Reasoner, 26 Lower Oak Grove Road, Frenchtown : Block 9, Lot 9**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Grasso Dwelling Lot, Block 25, Lot 7.10 Notice from the H.C.S.C.D.**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

**Reports**

**Letter from Basil Homa from MEI – re: to quarterly homeowner well sampling results for September thru November 2008**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed and explained the situation with the Commission's new member Gail Ashley. She noted that the Township has requested speaking with a representative from MEI, which has not happened in many years. She stated that Mayor Elaine Niemann will be in contact with Basil Homa, from MEI to set up a date to come speak with the Commission. Gail Ashley would like to review the original documents from the MEI folder. It was noted that she could obtain the records to review from the Township Clerk.

**Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki – Volunteer for February 14, 2009**

Sandra McNicol volunteered to work at recycling on February 14, 2009.  
Lois Voronin volunteered to work at recycling on March 14, 2009.  
Gail Ashley volunteered to work at recycling on April 11, 2009.

Cynthia Niciecki thanked Deborah Kratzer for volunteering at the last recycling in January. Mrs. Niciecki explained the new rules and new instructions for recycling, including recycling tonnage.

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She noted that she attended a SWAC meeting, finding out a lot of items that are and are not acceptable for recycling. Deborah Kratzer would like the list to be updated and sent to the school to be sent home with the children. Cynthia Niciecki suggested it might be nice if the members of the Commission could put on a presentation at the Kingwood School. Lois Voronin noted that a lot of the recycling is blowing out of the bins and ending up all over the property. It was suggested that the bins be inside or at least covered.

**2009 Recycling Bin Instructions**

Cynthia Niciecki handed out the new instructions to everyone.

**Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review**

N/A

**Old Business**

N/A

**New Business**

**Minor Subdivision Site Plan Application: Block 7, Lot 14 – Jeffrey Silverson – Oak Grove Road Site Plan Map available for review**

Sandra McNicol noted that this application is not complete as of yet. She said that David Pierce, the Attorney to the Planning Board suggested that the Environmental Commission would be able to look at the plat and work on a site plan review, then submit it to the Planning Board. The Commission members gathered around the table and reviewed the site plan for Block 7, Lot 14. Sandra McNicol explained that it was their fourth time going to the Planning Board. She said they are looking for as many lots as possible and to maximize their plan. There was a question as to whether the property was walked through yet. Sandra McNicol explained that they would have to get permission from the owner to walk the property. There was a discussion on some concerns of septic draining and how it could possibly effect the nearby streams and wells. Mrs. Voronin asked if the Environmental Commission could challenge the perk tests when they are tested. Sandra McNicol will look into the possibility to Mrs. Voronin's request. Chairwoman Kratzer asked for everyone to review her notes and for all comments to be sent to her by the second Tuesday in February.

**I.D. Information Sheet**

Secretary Keller handed out a sheet to be filled out by the Commission members to have a I.D. made for each person. Forms are to be handed into the Township Clerk.

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### **Outdoor Wood Burning Stoves**

There was a discussion on complaints from the smoke and pollution from the outdoor wood burning stoves. The Commission members reviewed.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally – March 7, 2009**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **Environmental Resource Inventory Update**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer explained that there have been several changes the ERI and would like all the members to review the update. She will also be sending her update to the Planning Board for their review. She noted that as part of the project with ANJEC she has volunteered to do all of the updates, and that would be the Township's in kind contribution so that ANJEC would only have to pay 50%. Deborah asked if everyone could review the updates by the next Environmental Commission meeting in February.

#### **Update on the Forestry Grant**

Sandra McNicol explained that she has nothing to report at this time.

#### **Environmental Commission Site Plan Review**

The Commission to review site plan discussed above.

#### **Waste water Management Plan for the Township**

Sandra McNicol noted that there is a subcommittee reviewing the plan. There will be a law in effect that all septic tanks must be pumped every 3 to 4 years. She explained that the State is looking to get each town to have a plan.

#### **MEI Discussion**

Elaine Niemann was not present to speak about her contact with MEI.

#### **December 8, 2008 letter from the Dept. of Agriculture re: Planning Incentive Grant**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed a chart of the acreage of each town to be preserved.

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**Annual report/newsletter – Suggestions, Outlines, and Draft Articles for Inclusion**

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer noted that there are two items the Commission must work on. She said one is an annual report and newsletter of what the Commission had accomplished last year in 2008. The recycling article will also need to be reviewed for the newsletter. Elaine Niemann mentioned she would like each Committee/Commission to have a newsletter for their accomplishments for the past year.

Deborah Kratzer noted that the Township received a notice from the Hunterdon Garden Club to apply for a Grant. She would like the Commission members to think of an idea to put towards the project grant.

**Objectives and Accomplishments for 2009**

Deborah Kratzer asked everyone to bring their ideas to next months meeting.

**Open Space**

**Sandra McNicol reports on Meeting of January 8, 2009 Open Space Advisory Committee**

Sandra McNicol explained that the Open Space Advisory Committee will be putting together a Community hike on preserved property, or another lot that may be very nice for the residents to explore. She also talked about the properties that have been preserved and that they are going to try and obtain signs to put up on properties that have been preserved to promote open space. Sandra noted that Margaret Waldock has encouraged everyone to attend a meeting on January 28, 2009 at the County Building. She also explained what happens with the Township's Open Space Funds. She noted that the Township only receives 17% of the funds that are contributed to use for Open Space.

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 P.M. All voted Aye on **Roll Call Vote**.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary  
Environmental Commission**