

**KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:00 P.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 Delaware Valley News and the Express Times and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger January 2008. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building in January 2008.

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: Deborah Kratzer Anthony Hauck
Lois Voronin Sandra McNicol
Joseph Zgurzynski Sal DeSapio
Cynthia Niciecki

Absent: Daniel DeFrancesco
Elaine Niemann
Walt Warneski

NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to nominate Deborah Kratzer, Chairperson for the Environmental Commission for 2008.

Roll Call Vote: **AYE** - **Lois Voronin, Sal DeSapio,
Anthony Hauck,
Cynthia Niciecki, Sandra McNicol**
NAY - **None**
ABSTAIN - **Deborah Kratzer**
ABSENT - **Elaine Niemann, Walt Warneski**

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Anthony Hauck and carried to nominate Lois Voronin, Vice Chairperson for the Environmental Commission for 2008.

Roll Call Vote: **AYE** - **Deborah Kratzer, Sal DeSapio,
Anthony Hauck, Cynthia Niciecki,
Sandra McNicol**
NAY - **None**
ABSTAIN - **Lois Voronin**
ABSENT - **Elaine Niemann, Walt Warneski**

MOTION AND APPROVAL OF SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR 2008

January 22, 2008	July 22, 2008
February 26, 2008	August 26, 2008
March 25, 2008	September 23, 2008
April 22, 2008	October 28, 2008
May 27, 2008	November 25, 2008
June 24, 2008	December 16, 2008 (one week earlier)

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve the listed scheduled meeting dates for 2008, with change of date in the month of December. Change to be is December 23, to December 16, 2008. The Committee decided it is too close to Christmas on December 23.

Roll Call Vote: **AYE** - **Deborah Kratzer, Sal DeSapio,
Anthony Hauck, Cynthia Niciecki,
Sandra McNicol, Lois Voronin**
NAY - **None**
ABSTAIN - **None**
ABSENT - **Elaine Niemann, Walt Warneski**

MOTION AND APPROVAL OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS (DELAWARE VALLEY NEWS AND THE EXPRESS TIMES) FOR ADVERTISEMENTS FOR 2008

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve the listed scheduled meeting dates for 2008, with change of date in the month of December. Change to be is December 23, to December 16, 2008. The Committee decided it is too close to Christmas on December 23.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE	-	Deborah Kratzer, Sal DeSapio, Anthony Hauck, Cynthia Niciecki, Sandra McNicol, Lois Voronin
NAY	-	None
ABSTAIN	-	None
ABSENT	-	Elaine Niemann, Walt Warneski

SPEAKER – Gregg Rackin, River Administrator

Gregg Rackin who was present presented an overview of the Wild and Scenic Lower Delaware Partnership Rivers Program. He presented a slide show for everyone and explained that the program has been around for forty years. He reviewed the value of the land and what should be protected. He stated that the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program is designed to provide river protection combined with efforts of landowners. He explained that they work with the Delaware River Basin Commission. Mr. Rackin said they would like to see more regional planning along the river, he reviewed their goals and what they would like to achieve in the future. He also reviewed the Stockton School Project, which will be taken to their Environmental Commission. Mr. Rackin stated that the next meeting for the W.S.L.D. is on February 28th, 2008 if anyone would like to attend.

Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Anthony Hauck and carried to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Environmental Commission meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE	-	Debbie Kratzer, Cynthia Niciecki, Anthony Hauck, Sandra McNicol
NAY	-	None
ABSTAIN	-	Lois Voronin
ABSENT	-	Walt Warneski, Elaine Niemann

Correspondence

Copy of letter from Mayor Burke of 1/3/2008 to the Delaware River Basin Commission. Re: Adoption of Special Protection Waters Regulations for the Lower Delaware River.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Environmental Conference Presented by the Environmental Education Fund Reversing Environmental Damage and Improving Public Health with the precautionary principle – Monday, March 3, 2008 Main Lounge, University Center, Seton Hall University – 9AM – 4:45PM – Registration attached – register by January 31, 2008 and deduct \$15 from any registration, also receive a copy of Precautionary Tools for Reshaping Environmental Policy.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Membership Dues for 2008 ANJEC Association of New Jersey for all members – Motion and Approval for renewal of Dues

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to renew membership dues for ANJEC Association of NJ for year 2008 for all the members.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	-	Deborah Kratzer, Sal DeSapio, Anthony Hauck, Cynthia Niciecki, Sandra McNicol, Lois Voronin
	NAY	-	None
	ABSTAIN	-	None
	ABSENT	-	Elaine Niemann, Walt Warneski

Letter to Pamela M. Bush, Esq. Secretary of the Delaware River Basin Commission from Debra Kratzer, re: Adoption of Permanent Special Protection Waters for the Lower Delaware

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Flyer from Geographic Magic – re: Geographic Information

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

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**Association of Environmental Authorities, Energy Seminar presented by the BPU
February 21, 2008 – Holiday Inn, East Windsor, NJ**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

A list of meeting Schedule 2008 for the D&R Canal Commission

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**List of the Attendees for Farmland Status Meetings/January 16, 2008 to be held at
the County planning Department office on January 16, 2008**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol noted that Farmland Coordinator Liz Schmidt for Kingwood is doing a great job representing the Township at the their meetings.

Reports

**Application submitted by: Carriage House Kennels – 142 Barbertown Pt. Breeze
Road Lot 1.01, Block 25, - A letter notifying the Environmental Commission of the
submission of an application for approval to the NJDEP under the Freshwater
Wetlands Protection Act Rules, NJAC 7:7A and the Stream Encroachment Rules.**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification Application – Submitted by Galleria
Construction, Inc. – Block 39, Lot 7**

Sandra McNicol stated that Galleria has not submitted plans through the Planning Board as of yet.

**Copy of the Well Sampling Results from MEI for the quarterly homeowners for
September thru November 2007**

Joe Zgurzynski reviewed the water sample results. Sandra McNicol stated that the range of sodium levels were higher than last month. Environmental Commission will monitor and watch the levels and compare month to month. Anthony Hauck would like to find out more about the water levels. He reviewed a map and the research he had done along Barbertown Point Breeze Road. He also explained all the septic systems that failed. Lois Voronin explained the process of contamination.

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Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Brinkerhoff Dwelling – Block 1, Lot 7.04 Confirmation of 48-Hour Notification of Land Disturbance

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Elizabethtown Gas Co. Kingwood-Milford Back Feed #07-99-018

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol explained looking into the gas pipe line installation and where they intend to install the line. She explained that she called the D.E.P. and asked them several questions about the process. Sandra noted that James Burke suggested the Environmental Commission form a subcommittee and look into the gas installation further.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Kenny Pond, Block 10 Lot 8 Delaware Twp. Block 27, Lot 10 Kingwood Township #06-16-013

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Application to the Planning Board – Revised Amended Minor Subdivision Plan, Honeyamar, Block 26, Lot 4 – One Plat available for everyone to review

Planning Board member Sandra McNicol reviewed.

Old Business

Conservaton Survey – Lois Voronin

To be discussed at the February meeting.

End of the Year Report – Draft

To be discussed at the February meeting.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

No comments this month.

New Business

Recycling Coordinator – Twp. Committee suggested a member from the Environmental Comm. Motion to nominate a recycling coordinator

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed what would be involved for a Recycling Coordinator and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be the coordinator for Kingwood. Cynthia Niciecki volunteered to be the Recycling Coordinator for Kingwood Township.

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sal DeSapio and carried to accept and approve, Cynthia Niciecki to volunteer to be the Recycling Coordinator for the year 2008.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	-	Deborah Kratzer, Sal DeSapio, Anthony Hauck, Sandra McNicol, Lois Voronin
	NAY	-	None
	ABSTAIN	-	Cynthia Niciecki
	ABSENT	-	Elaine Niemann, Walt Warneski

There was a discussion about when the new recycling will start, also the hours and the need for volunteers to help on the second Saturday of each month.

Forestry Plan Grant – Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol reviewed a grant she submitted for the Township, and stated that the Township will be funded \$1,500 to develop a forestry plan. Sandra explained this can be applied for each year.

Environmental Education/Stream Monitoring at Kingwood School

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Hosting or Co-Hosting an ANJEC workshop at one of our EC Meetings

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained Alexandria will be hosting the next workshop. She noted it will held at the Kingwood Township Municipal building. Mrs. Kratzer asked the commission members to review their topics and let her know what they would like to review at the workshop. It has been decided to wait to hear from Alexandria Twp. and discuss these topics at the February meeting.

2008 Objectives

To be discussed at the February meeting.

Debbie Kratzer provided everyone with a copy of last years objectives.

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Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Reports on Open Space Advisory/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting from January 7, 2008.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

No comments

Adjournment

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Brown
Secretary