

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:10 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
Lois Voronin
Sal DeSapio (arrived at 8:45 P.M.)
Elaine Niemann
Walter Warneski
Sandra McNicol
Anthony Hauck

Absent: Daniel DeFrancesco
Cynthia Niciecki
Joseph Zgurzynski

Minutes

Approval of July 22, 2008 Environmental Commission Minutes

It was moved by Walter Warneski, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of July 22, 2008 Environmental Commission and place on file.

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Roll Call Vote:	AYE	-	Deborah Kratzer Lois Voronin Walt Warneski
	NAY	-	None
	ABSTAIN	-	Anthony Hauck Sandra McNicol
	ABSENT	-	Sal DeSapio (arrived late) Daniel DeFrancesco Joseph Zgurzynski Cynthia Niciecki

CORRESPONDENCE

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Certification – Block 17, Lot 16.04 Yard Properties, LLC Site Plan

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Confirmation of 48-Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Block 17, Lot 15.01 Razberrys Berm

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Letter – Block 5, Lot 4 Gross Farm Barn & Indoor Riding Arena

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Report of Compliance – Block 22, Lot 17.06 Bunker Hill Homes

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Stop Construction Order – Block 17, Lot 15.01 Unauthorized Disturbance

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed. It was noted that this has been resolved.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Conditional Certification – Block 26, Lot 4 Honeymar Minor Subdivision

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

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Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Confirmation of 48-Hour Notification of Land Disturbance – Block 15, Lot 8.05 WDVR Public Radio Station

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – Letter of Conditional Certification – Block 17, Lot 15.01 Razberrys Berm

This was discussed and it has been resolved.

Letter from the D.E.P. – Suspected hazardous substance discharge notification – Case # 08-07-22-1006-26105 Byram Kingwood Road

Chairwoman Kratzer noted that this needs final approval.

Letter from the D.E.P. – Suspected hazardous substance discharge notification – Case # 08-08-12-1156-367 Colt Road

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed. She noted this is a notification due to underground storage tanks removals.

Letter from the D.E.P. – Suspected hazardous substance discharge notification – Case # 08-08-07-1239-23880 Route 519

Chairwoman Kratzer noted that this is a notice for the Kingwood Township School and that this states that the treatment plant is over its limit in phosphorus level.

Letter from the D.E.P. - Notice of Violation of November 22, 2005 – Anthony Mesce, 59 Old Route 12, Frenchtown NJ - Block 9, Lot 21

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed and noted that this was in reference to the flood plain that has been build. She explained that Mr. Mesce has gotten approval and this has been resolved.

Letter from ECC Environmental Risk Management Services – Baseline Ecological Evaluation/No Further Action Request – Williamson – Barbertown Garage, 615 County Rd. 519

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed and noted this is a garage near Barbertown. The owner is trying to clean up the site for resale.

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**Environmental Commission Site Plan/Subdivision Review – Anthony Schlachter,
Lower Oak Grove Rd. Block 9, Lot 13**

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed that this is a copy of the Environmental Commission's site plan review for their record. A copy of their site plan/subdivision review will be sent to the Township Engineer, and then to be sent to the applicant.

**Arc GIS: Introduction Course, November 3,10,17,24, 2008
Fundamentals of Remote Sensing, January 21-February 25, 2009**

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed that this is a GIS course through Rutgers, which is a really beneficial course, but very expensive. The Environmental Commission does not have the funds at this time.

**Notice from the Wild and Scenic Lower Delaware River Management Committee –
Meeting scheduled Monday, September 22, 2008, 7:30 P.M. Bridgeton Township,
Upper Black Eddy, PA.**

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

**Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station – Courses: Brownfields:
Emerging Issues in Redevelopment, September 16, 2008 Sayreville N.J./ Soils and
Site Evaluation for Septic Disposal Systems and Stormwater BMPs, October 6 and
7, 2008 New Brunswick NJ.**

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed.

Reports

Quarterly Well Sampling Results – From Q.C. Laboratories – Kingwood Park

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed. She noted results are good.

Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review

N/A

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Old Business

Community Day – Septic Cleaning and Well Testing Update of signup Lois Voronin

Secretary Keller reported the amount of residents that have signed up so far. The Final list will be sent to Lois Voronin to pass onto Russell Reid, and QC Labs. The well testing and septic cleaning will be scheduled for early October.

Elaine Niemann reported that she spoke with Dave Street, the Clean Community entertainer who will be present at Community Day, will be presenting two shows. There will be a show at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

The Environmental Commission will be setting up a tent at Community Day for residents to sign up for the well testing and septic cleaning. The Commission requests to be located near the Bocce court. Secretary Keller will sign the Commission up for a table. There will be volunteers needed to tend to the table for the day. Sandra McNicol volunteered, Lois Voronin volunteered, and Debbie Kratzer. Elaine Niemann stated that she will not be able to attend Community Day, and would like someone to be a liaison for the Dave Street show in her place. Debbie Kratzer volunteered to be the liaison. Elaine Niemann will inform Dave to report to the Environmental Commission table for direction on where to go and set up.

Update on the Forestry Grant

Sandra McNicol reported that the Forester has been contacted and she is now waiting to hear from him. She noted he is working with several towns in the area.

New Business

Recycling Update – Cynthia Niciecki Schedule – A volunteer needed for Saturday, September 13, 2008

Cynthia Niciecki was absent due to not feeling well. Elaine Niemann, and Debbie Kratzer volunteered for September 13, recycling on Saturday morning. Sandra McNicol reported that she saw suit cases in the recycling bins, and that everyone volunteering should be more aware of what is being thrown in the bins. There was a lengthy discussion of what to do in this situation, and even an idea of putting up a display at Community Day in reference to recycling and what is allowed. Sandra McNicol noted that her husband may be interested in this project.

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Subdivision Application – Minor Subdivision – Horseshoe Bend LLC - Block 14, Lot 30

The Planning Board has not completed reviewing this application. There is nothing to discuss at the meeting. This will be discussed at the next Environmental Commission.

Site Plan Application – Gross – Block 5, Lot 4

The Planning Board has not completed reviewing this application. There is nothing to discuss at the meeting. This will be discussed at the next Environmental Commission.

Subdivision Application – Walter Mironchik – Block 19, Lot 8 – Minor subdivision

The Planning Board has not completed reviewing this application. There is nothing to discuss at the meeting. This will be discussed at the next Environmental Commission.

Chairwoman Kratzer noted that they are on the table if anyone would like to review them.

Open Space

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

Sandra McNicol reviewed the meeting from August 7, 2008. She noted that the Open Space Advisory Committee voted to ask the Township Committee to pass a resolution to accept and contribute toward the purchase of the Clark property. She reviewed a few properties that are in the works to be preserved, but no figures are finalized as of yet. She explained the Horseshoe Bend Road property is still up in the air.

Sandra McNicol noted that the Conservation Element is not completed at this time. It will be ready for the next meeting in September of the Planning Board at their public hearing.

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed a press release that ANJEC sent in reference to a IMA Green Scholarship. Elaine Niemann suggested forwarding it to Superintendent of the Kingwood School to send home with the children. It was suggested to edit the form before sending to the school.

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed a letter from the Delaware River Greenway. She will follow up to speak with someone from the Greenway.

Elaine Niemann would like Sal DeSapio, Cynthia Niecieki, and Walt Warneski to review the Conservation Element and get back to Elaine with their comments before the Planning Board meeting.

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Lois Voronin suggested that the meeting agendas for the Environmental Commission have an action line item for topics that are carried over from month to month until the item has been resolved.

Chairwoman Kratzer noted that she will be working on the ERI and submit it to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Lois Voronin volunteered to help D. Kratzer with the ERI.

Sandra McNicol shared a bit of info on junk mail and the greenhouse gases, and the trees that are cut down to produce the mail. She noted that if you do not want junk mail there is a website to go to and register not to receive the mail.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

No Comments

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Anthony Hauck and carried he motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary**