

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2009

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 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

Deborah Kratzer
Sandra McNicol
Gail Ashley
Cynthia Niciecki
Mayor Elaine Niemann

Absent -

Walt Warneski
Nicole Voigt
Lois Voronin
Joseph Zgurzynski

Minutes

Motion and adoption of minutes of May 26, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

The Committee members discussed the minutes. The following are a changes that have been made to the May 26th, minutes:

Correction: Page#3 Under Old Business – Objectives for 2009 – Third line down, Omit the word (survey) and add the word **(list)**. Sentence should read: Mayor Niemann suggested that it may be a good idea to send out a list in reference to **(companies that do)** radon testing.

2.

Correction: Page#6 Under Environmental Commission Site Plan Review – First paragraph - underneath Cacciabando Block 37, Lot 3.05 etc – Second sentence - the sentence should read (**This is a Residential Class II Minor Subdivision**). Omit: Class I, II, III, Major; Commercial Subdivision.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adopt the May 26, 2009 Meeting minutes with corrections listed.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye -	Deborah Kratzer, Gail Ashley, Cynthia Niciecki, Sandra McNicol
Nay -	None
Abstain -	None
Absent -	Walt Warneski, Nicole Voigt, Lois Voronin

Correspondence

Arsenic Water Treatment for Residential Wells in New Jersey

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed and asked if anyone had any comments. Sandra McNicol noted that she spoke with Gail Ashley in reference to arsenic water treatment, which Gail had looked into for her own well. She noted that Gail spoke to Steve Spayd from the State N.J.D.E.P., who is the author of the fact sheet handed out to the Commission. Sandra noted that he is the person to speak with about arsenic water treatments and what the State recommends. Sandra suggested that the Commission make available information on Community Day about arsenic water treatments, and to also post information on the website. Gail Ashley noted after speaking with Steve Spayd that she would like to invite him to speak to the Environmental Commission or even open to the public on the subject of (Natural Occurring Elements in Kingwood Township Bedrock and New Jersey Ground Water Quality Standards and How Do We Recognize the Problem). The Commission discussed a date for a lecture. Gail suggested the September meeting, either before or during the meeting. The scheduled date for the lecture will be advertised in the newspaper and on the website for September 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM, this will be right before the regular meeting for the Environmental Commission meeting. Mr. Steve Spayd and Mr. Mike Serfes will be present at the meeting to give a lecture for approximately thirty minutes.

Reports

Quarterly Homeowner Well Sampling Results for March thru May 2009

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed the results.

3.

Copy of Letter from NJDEP Bureau of Industrial Site Remediation Re:
Magnesium Elektron Inc.

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed. Gail Ashley noted that she received a copy of the Remedial Investigation Work Plan. She reviewed what the plan is all about. She noted that the plan is a study, which will be conducted over the summer. She stated that the deadline date is September 2, 2009 to write a report stating the work that needs to be completed. Ms. Ashley noted that Scott MacDonald is setting up the program.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Letter – Perrotti Major Subdivision
Block 23, Lot 11 and 11.01

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Okay to Issue Bldg. Permit/Antiskay Minor Subdivision – Block 13, Lot 13.01

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Volunteer needed for Saturday, July 11, 2009

Sandra McNicol offered to volunteer for Saturday, July 11th Recycling.

Cynthia Niciecki reported that the Girl Scouts came in June to the Recycling to help out. She expressed that it was very enjoyable having them present to help. Sandra McNicol will contact the scout leader in charge of the Girl Scouts to see if they would be available again in the future. She explained that she and her husband keep a close eye on the dumpsters. She noted that the residents are starting to comply with the rules. The dumpsters are switched every two weeks. Cynthia expressed to the Township Committee members that she is interested in taking the certification courses, which will be required for municipal Recycling Coordinators. Mayor Niemann will be looking into the course along with Cynthia. There was a brief discussion whether the dumpsters should be squeezed into the barn. Sandra McNicol suggested that possibly a snow fence would work to keep everything from blowing away. Mayor Niemann will speak to the Road Department Supervisor to see if they have any ideas. The Commission members thanked Cynthia and her husband Jack for all their devoted help with recycling for the Township.

Old Business

Objectives for 2009

4.

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update on Green Team

Mayor Niemann announced that there will be a meeting on Thursday evening and that there will be a few new members that will be joining the Green Team. She reviewed last month's meeting and stated that only three people showed up. She explained that the meeting on Thursday will be to go through the Sustainable Jersey Program, and decide what they would like to do depending on the cost. She explained that whatever they decide to do will have to be donated or volunteered. Mayor Niemann explained that the Township did not receive the Sustainable Jersey Grant that was applied for this year. She noted that the members on the Green Team are extremely excited about the program.

FYI – Robert Cacciabauda – Block 37, Lots 3.05, 3.06, 3.07 Site Plan Review

Sandra McNicol stated that this was approved at the last Planning Board meeting. She stated that the Township no longer has Class III Minor Subdivisions. Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed the site plan review.

New Business

Cultivation of Land Before Development

Nicole Voigt was not present to review.

Deer Overpopulation Certified Hunter Program

Resident Jack Niciecki was present to tell the Commission about what he would like to do to volunteer by becoming the coordinator for the Hunter Program. He reported that there are many hunters that cannot afford to join a gun club, and would be very happy to be able to hunt on private properties. He stated this should make an impact on the deer population. He discussed how the program will work. Jack explained how he has been in contact with several people from the County and the State about this program. He explained that Kingwood Township would be certified by the State to have this type of program. He noted that the landowners would have to sign a consent form for a hunter to hunt on their property. He feels this would be a very successful program. There was a discussion on advertising for the program for hunters and residents who would be interested. He noted that the law will only allow one hunter per 10 acres. The Commission thanked Jack Niciecki for his time and efforts for attending the meeting and speaking to them. Mayor Niemann suggested handing out information to the public, possibly on Community Day to educate them. The Commission had several questions for Mr. Niciecki.

5.

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to gather information on the facts about deer, and to put on the website to first educate the public before beginning the program.

Roll Call Vote: **Aye -** **Deborah Kratzer, Gail Ashley, Cynthia Niciecki, Sandra McNicol**
 Nay - **None**
 Abstain - **None**
 Absent - **Walt Warneski, Nicole Voigt, Lois Voronin**

Review of Meeting at the Hunterdon County Library of June 10, 2009

Several Commission members stated they attended the meeting.

Action Items:

ANJEC 2007 Smart Growth Planning Grant (ERI & Conservation Element)

Chairwoman D. Kratzer noted that this is completed and all the paper work has been submitted. They are now waiting for the check to be issued to the Township and for the forms to be executed by the Township.

ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant (Open Space & Recreation Plan)

Chairwoman D. Kratzer noted that the Township has been selected. She stated that there needs to be additional public input. She handed out a copy of information to the Commission. D. Kratzer will put out a question to the Planning Board, as to who would be interested in being on the subcommittee. She noted that the Planning Board is involved because of it being a part of the Master Plan. Banisch Assoc. will be assisting in the plan.

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

N/A

Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

No update at this time.

Annual Report/Newsletter

Mayor Niemann stated that she is currently working on the current newsletter to be sent out with the Community Day letter to all the residents. She asked everyone to submit any items of information that they have to put in the newsletter by July 10th.

MEL – Update

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

6.

Site Plan Application – Revision or Resubmission of Prior Application
Block 5 Lot 4 – Gross – Plat and Maps available for review

Nothing to discuss.

Perrotti – Stormwater Management Report – Major Subdivision Bl 23, Lots 11 & 11.01

Nothing to discuss.

Open Space

Sandra McNicol reports on Meetings of June 4, 2009 Open Space Advisory Committee

Sandra McNicol reviewed the meeting of the June 4th Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees. She explained that the Clark property closed, the Horseshoe Bend Property is coming along, the Felix property is looking for different ways to fund, the Trstensky property is looking for the Township to help with parcel all along the Lockatong. Mayor Niemann noted that the Open Space Advisory Committee recommended that the Township review its funding opportunities to contribute towards that parcel.

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

Chairwoman D. Kratzer announced that ANJEC will be doing a newsletter and Kingwood Township's ERI will be a topic in the letter.

Adjournment

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39PM. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller
Secretary