

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2010
7:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:38 P.M. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirements

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on February 4th, 2010, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on January 29th, 2010. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on January 29th, 2010.

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

Debbie Kratzer
Lois Voronin
Sandy McNicol
Nicole Voigt (left at 8:30pm)
Elaine Niemann
Cindy Niciecki
Gail Ashley
David Posey

Absent

Richard Abbott
Joe Zgurzynski

Approval of the February 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion and adoption of February 23, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to adopt the February 23, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission.

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Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, L. Voronin, S. McNicol N. Voigt, Cindy Niciecki, Gail Ashley, D. Posey
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- None

Correspondence

Arsenic – Information from other Towns

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed a memo she received regarding water sample testing for arsenic. It was a memo from the Alexandria Township Environmental Commission. It explained how it is going to be a science project for the 8th graders at the middle school. The EC and the elementary and middle school organized the testing project. It notes that David Spayd gave a presentation to the 8th grade class. She noted that bottles were given to each child in their homeroom to take home to be filled. They charged residents \$10 per sample. They gave a draft of how they went about the water testing project for their community. The Kingwood Township Environmental Commission talked about the interest to participate in a project similar to this for Kingwood Township. It was discussed that they will probably not do the science project through the science class. Sandra McNicol and Debbie Kratzer will be in contact with the teachers, and the principle to find out if they need permission from the Board of Education to let the children take home sample bottles. Sandra McNicol will work on the flyer to be handed out. There was a very lengthy discussion on the lab that would be used, and the volunteers that will be needed to collect the bottles and the hands on work. Lois Voronin suggested to invite the Boy Scouts to help out. Nicole Voigt stated that she is available on Wednesdays to help out. Sandra McNicol will be speaking with David Spayd from the NJDEP regarding the project.

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve the Environmental Commission to use a sample flyer similar to Alexandria Townships and to try to initiate a well testing project for the Township through the Kingwood Township School.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, L. Voronin, S. McNicol N. Voigt, Cindy Niciecki, Gail Ashley, D. Posey
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- None

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Treatment Works Application Notice re: Lower Oak Grove Road Block 9, Lot 13.03

The Commission members discussed the application notice and stated that this is new to them and they have never seen anything like this before. Lois Voronin offered to call the Township's Planning Board Secretary Diane Laudenbach regarding more information on the property. David Posey offered to look into the situation on his data base at work. Secretary Keller was asked to send the address and the acreage of the property to all the Commission members.

Reports

Letter from the N.J.D.E.P. Notice of Approval – Re: Mel Chemicals. Inc.
Notice of Deficiency – Re: MEL Chemicals

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed. Gail Ashley noted that she spoke with a representative from the N.J.D.E.P. regarding the letter. They stated that they approved that they received the letter and after reviewing it, they found several problems and concerns. She noted that they are gathering more data, and will get back to her with the information. Everyone thanked Gail Ashley for following up with the letter.

Copy of a Letter of Interpretation – Extension Application – Block 20, Lots 3.01 & 3.02

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed.

Copy of Quarterly Homeowner Well Sampling Results for December thru February 2010
From MEL Chemicals Inc.

The Commission members reviewed the sampling results.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki
Volunteer needed for Saturday, April 10th, 2010

Cynthia Niciecki gave a report of the following for March:

Cynthia Niciecki thanked David Posey for helping out at the recycling day in March. She noted that the Recycling Instruction sheet and calendar for 2010 were completed and sent to the printer with the help of Secretary Keller and herself. Cynthia Niciecki explained that she and Elaine attended a special meeting at the County SWAC.

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She stated that this focused on the municipal duties for recycling as part of the amendment to the County's Solid Waste and Recycling Plan and this is mainly to adopt a uniform municipal recycling ordinance by June 24, 2010. The Road Department took 5 – five gallon buckets of batteries for the Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Keith Kiskel Recycling Coordinator for Alexandria Township visited our depot on recycling day. He picked up computers, monitors and TV's that were dropped off. Cynthia Niciecki noted that she visited Alexandria's depot the following Saturday on their clean-up and recycling day. She reported that she is working on the tonnage report for 2009, which is due April 30, 2010.

Gail Ashley volunteered to work at the recycling Saturday, April 10th. There will be drop off for electronics for the County collection.

NOTE: * Nicole Voigt explained why she had to leave the meeting and apologized and hoped that everyone understood. Nicole left the meeting at 8:30P.M.

Old Business

Prevention of Recyclables Blowing Around

No discussion.

Notice from ANJEC Dated November 24, 2009 re: Smart Growth Planning Grant Program / Notice from ANJEC - 2010 Smart Growth Planning Grants for Municipalities – Application Deadline Wed, March 31, 2010

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer reviewed. She noted that the Township Committee has supported this grant program with a resolution. She stated that she will be writing a letter stating that the Environmental Commission is in support of the Smart Growth Planning Grant program along with the resolution the Township Committee adopted.

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to send a letter of support from the Environmental Commission along with a resolution of support from the Township Committee for the Smart Growth Planning Grant Program.

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

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ANJEC EQ Challenge Game - Results

The Commission members noted that they will e-mail Nicole Voigt and ask her how they enjoyed playing the EQ Challenge Game.

Open Space & Recreation Kingwood Land Use Plan – Community Survey

The Commission reviewed the responses they have received. Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer will send an e-mail to all the secretaries in the Township to forward the survey to all the Commission, Committees, and Boards. Elaine Niemann noted that they are almost completed with the calculation of the results for the land use plan survey. Elaine Niemann offered her help by giving Deborah Kratzer, clip boards with surveys for her to take to the Boy Scouts spaghetti dinner for parents to fill out the survey. Deborah Kratzer suggested that the Community Survey be sent home with all the children from the Kingwood Township School. She will present this to the B.O.E. to see if this is acceptable.

Sustainable Jersey Program – Update

Elaine Niemann noted that the last Green Team meeting was canceled due to snow. She explained that there will be a road side cleanup on the weekend of April 17th and 18th. Deborah Kratzer noted the Boy Scouts will be meeting at the boat ramp to cleanup around that area on the same day.

Deer Overpopulation – Update

Sandra McNicol heard that there were approximately 300 deer near Fairview Road. Cynthia Niciecki stated that there is no more hunting until September.

Solar Grant Update

Elaine Niemann gave an update on the Solar Grant. She explained that she, Diana Haywood, David Posey and the Township Engineer worked together on all the bid requirements. She stated that the award was granted in February, and the project must be completed by June. . She noted that the Contractor is now working on the project.

ANJEC Grant

Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer noted that in regards to the current grant and the survey. She noted that the Environmental Commission has a free trial for the on line part of the survey, which is good for 19 days. She stated it is \$15.00 a month to get the date online. She stated that if the Commission paid the \$15.00 a month, she could obtain the information online. Elaine Niemann offered to donate the money to do this project.

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New Business

Earth Day April 24th, 2010 – Environmental Commission to Participate

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Action Items:

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review

N/A

Ideas for Community Day (September 18, 2010)

Sandra McNicol noted that she gathered information from Alexandria Township, and she will be bringing it to the next months meeting.

Cynthia Niciecki reported that she would like to reserve a spot for recycling and have information on the recyclable items. Also, she would like to have her information sheet available to the residents for questions. She stated that she would like to make a display of what is acceptable and what is not for recycling.

Wastewater Management Plan

Elaine Niemann reviewed and stated that the Township will continue to see how things take place.

Open Space

Open Space Member Sandra McNicol reviews Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting of March 4th, 2010

Sandra McNicol noted that they are still waiting to hear about the property on Horseshoe Bend Road. Elaine Niemann gave an update of the most recent Freeholders meeting.

Sandra McNicol announced the details of a Hike that the Open Space Committee has planned at the Kugler Woods. This will be on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM. She noted that Richard Dodds, Co-Chairman of the Open Space Committee has scheduled a cleanup day for April 10th and 11th from 9:00PM till 12:00PM and 12:00PM till 3:00PM. They will be working on a two mile loop to make a trail. Sandra McNicol stated that she will e-mail everyone to remind them of the date of the Hike.

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Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

David Posey noted that he attended a Environmental Commission training. He stated that is was very interesting and informative. He also said that they talked about ANJEC, and all the things they have to offer.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC
Deputy Clerk**