

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2013
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:43P.M. Vice-Chairman David Posey 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 by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on January 31, 2013, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 23, 2013. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building in January 23, 2013.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Commission, 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

David Posey
Lois Voronin
Sandra McNicol
Diana Haywood
Timothy Cahalin
Willard Reasoner

Absent

Debbie Kratzer
Gail Ashley
Cynthia Niciecki
Joe Zgurzynski

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Minutes

(1). Approval of February 26, 2013 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by Diana Haywood, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve the February 26, 2013 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes. Diana Haywood asked why she was not listed as abstained on the vote at the February 26th, 2013 meeting.

2.

Secretary Keller noted that Committee Members that are appointed to the Environmental Commission are not a voting member, or counted as a member for a quorum on the Environmental Commission, but just an advisor who attends the meetings. The Commission Members asked Secretary Keller to provide them with a copy of the ordinance for the Environmental Commission at next month's meeting.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Voronin, McNicol, Posey, Cahalin, Reasoner
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Kratzer, Ashley, Niciecki

Correspondence

(2). CWC Public Hearing Flyer for 4-9-2013

Vice-Chairman David Posey reviewed the flyer for the public hearing sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Water Council. He stated the hearing will be on "A Resilient New Jersey: Adapting Water Infrastructure to the "New Normal" on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection building at 401 East Main Street, Trenton, NJ. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to seek public testimony on improving the resilience of our water infrastructure. The NJDEP Commissioner, Bob Martin and other speakers are scheduled to provide an overview of the water infrastructure damage from recent storms, summarize funding opportunities for rebuilding efforts, and address DEP resiliency policy initiatives. A public testimony will follow immediately after the speakers and following the hearing the Clean Water Council will provide its recommendation to the Commissioner.

Vice Chairman David Posey feels this does not really pertain to Kingwood Township. The Commission had a brief discussion regarding the hearing. David Posey will contact Stanley Cach at the State and speak to him regarding this hearing. He suggested that each Commissioner send him their questions and comments, and he volunteered to attend the meeting to find out more about it.

Notice of upcoming meetings:

(3). E-Mail Reminder from Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic - Meeting Workshops in April for Interested Parties Who Plan Attending

Sandra McNicol explained that she will be going to the workshop. Diana Haywood offered to go to the workshop with Sandra McNicol. They stated that they will bring back information to be discussed at the next meeting in April.

(4). NJ Invasive Species Strike Team – Training, Outreach and Education Programs Info

3.

Vice-Chairman David Posey gave an update of what the New Jersey Invasive Species are doing. He noted that they are putting on a training, outreach and education program. Sandra McNicol noted that she was thinking of going to this meeting. David Posey feels that there is not really that much time to sign up for this meeting, and feels that there will be many more in the future to attend. Sandra McNicol agreed.

Willard Reasoner – Reviews a Commissioner’s Course by ANJEC from Saturday, March 23, 2013

Willard Reasoner was present and explained a Commissioner’s course he took recently on March 23, 2013. He explained that it was an overview of environmental commission’s responsibilities and powers. He noted that they discussed the basic tools and techniques, master planning, ordinance development, site plan reviews and environmental resource inventories used by commissions as they work at the local level to promote sustainable energy practices and protect the environment. He noted that any applications for the ANJEC Grant are due by April 19th. He stated they stressed they would like to see people get more involved. Willard Reasoner stated they discussed Environmental Resource Inventories and he thought that was very informative. He stated that he learned one of the key points is to add pictures to our inventories. He said that land use planning books were being sold called “Environmental Commissions Laws and Regulations” for \$25.00. He expressed that he wanted to buy one, but stated they were all sold out in the first twenty minutes. He stated that he picked up information at the meeting and passed it around for everyone to review. The Commission suggested that the information Willard obtained from the course should be available in the municipal building for anyone of the Commissioner’s to review. He feels that the course was very informative, he was very happy he attended, and he stated that he learned quite a bit.

Recycling News and Report – Update

Volunteer for Recycling Saturday, April 13th, 2013

Vice-Chairman David Posey asked if anyone would like to volunteer for Saturday, April 13th, 2013 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. David Posey offered to volunteer for Saturday, April 13th to help at the recycling depot.

(4a). Letter from the Recycling Coordinator – Lynn Porter

Vice-Chairman David Posey explained that a letter of resignation from the township’s Recycling Coordinator, Lynn Porter was just handed out tonight. He explained that this resignation is for both positions of Recycling Coordinator/Clean Community’s Coordinator. He noted that this is the Township Committees responsibility to hire someone and appoint them for this position. Willard Reasoner expressed that he would be interested in the position. He will speak to Cynthia Niciecki and Lynn Porter regarding what the jobs involve before making a decision.

4.

Recycling Tonnage Report

The Commission reviewed the recycling tonnage report of 2011 from Lynn Porter.

Reports

- (5). Public Notification from Frey Engineering, LLC re: Kingwood Twp. Fire Co. Station #2 (block 28, lot 14.02) NJDEP Program Identification No. 560296

Vice-Chairman David Posey noted that this was a letter from Frey Engineering, LLC to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding a public notification for the Kingwood Township Volunteer Fire Company. It states that the fire company has sent additional notification letters of remedial work being conducted at the above referenced site to owners and occupants of properties located within 200 feet of the property boundary. David Posey offered to speak to someone from the Fire Department regarding this remedial work being done.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

N/A

Old Business

Review Study of Water Quality Results

- (6). U.S. Geological Survey Results for 80 Warford Rd.

The Commission briefly reviewed the report and had a discussion on how arsenic is treated by a filter system. Gail Ashley was not present to review the remainder of the results. There was a discussion regarding Steve Spade who came and gave a presentation on the water and arsenic in water. The Commission would like this on the agenda for next month for review.

Roadside Cleanup for Volunteers – Scheduled Saturday, April 13th

Vice Chairman David Posey and Sandra McNicol brought up the e-mail that was sent out to everyone regarding a roadside cleanup for volunteers. David Posey feels that the Township Committee should be involved in this program. He feels that it could be a liability to the township if someone would get hurt in some way. There are many things that could happen during a roadside cleanup. He feels that it should be presented to the Environmental Commission for approval first then recommended to the Township Committee. He does not feel comfortable attaching the Commission to this project. It was discussed that Debbie Kratzer offered to help out on the project on that day. It was suggested that this be brought at the Township Committees next meeting to decide if this should be done through the township.

5.

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey – Update

Tim Cahalin explained that he will be meeting with Willard Reasoner to work on this together, and that they will have something for next month.

MEL – Update

No update this month.

Driveway Ordinance – Update

Sandra McNicol stated that it was discovered that there is already an ordinance for driveways in the township code. She stated that this ordinance will be reviewed and re-introduced in the upcoming future.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

The Commission had a brief discussion regarding the new fee ordinance for the Kingwood Parks, which was adopted by the Township Committee on March 7, 2013.

Invasive Species – Update

Vice Chairman David Posey noted that other than the training, outreach and education programs there were no other updates for invasive species this month.

New Business

(7). End of the Year Report for 2012

Vice Chairman David Posey and the Commission reviewed the end of year report for 2012. They stated that it looked very good and that they would like to wait for Debbie Kratzer to review this with the Commission before approving the report. This will be discussed next month.

(8). Environmental Commission's Goals for 2013

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the EC goals for 2013. He suggested that this should to be on the agenda for next month. David Posey noted that if anyone had any suggestions or comments to please forward them to Debbie Kratzer.

Site Plan Review

No site plan reviews this month.

6.

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Review of the March 5, 2013 Open Space and Ag Meeting

Sandra McNicol was present and reviewed the March 5, 2013 meeting of the Open Space and Ag Committees. She noted that the township closed on the Trstensky property, which is located on Kingwood Locktown Road in the beginning of February of this year. She stated that this will be an open space property and it will be farmed. She noted that the Land Trust will be in charge of it as well as taking care of it, watching it and deciding on what goes on there. She explained that it is next to another Land Trust property. There was a brief discussion on the solar projects in the township. She explained that the property that is actively being preserved is on Horseshoe Bend Road, which is called the “Farm” and also the Church property next to that property. She explained that the Township and the Hunterdon Land Trust is currently in negotiation with the landowner. She explained that purchasing this property will be using all green acres funds that the township must use or they will lose the funds.

Adjournment

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Diana Haywood and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:03p.m. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary