ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2014
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 P.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 February 6, 2014, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 29, 2014. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 29, 2014.

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  Absent
David Posey  Debbie Kratzer
Sandra McNicol  Cynthia Niciecki
Gail Ashley  Willard Reasoner
Lois Voronin  Tim Cahalin
Joe Zgorzynski
Diana Haywood

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor
N/A

Minutes
(1). Approval of February 25, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the February 25, 2014 Environmental Commission Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes.
2.

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

**Old Business**

*Continue Discussion Re: Route 12 Corridor and Town Centers*

Vice Chairman David Posey asked if anyone would like to discuss the Route 12 Corridor and Town Center. Diana Haywood gave a brief explanation of what is being considered for the Gateway Village and what it is all about. Sandra McNicol reminded everyone of a survey that was given to all the residents of Kingwood a few years ago to get an idea of what they would like to see along State Hwy. Route 12. The members had a brief discussion regarding their concerns for the project.

(2). **2013 EC Annual Report**

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed.

(3). **2014 EC Objectives**

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed.

**New Business**

(4). **April 2014 – Arsenic Update – Arsenic in Ground Water**

Sandra McNicol briefly explained the arsenic in ground water update. She noted that she spoke to Steven Spayd from the NJGS. She explained that he asked what the township has been doing to get people to test for arsenic. He suggested that the township make arrangements to have tests be available to the public again this year. She explained that in 2010 the Environmental Commission provided sample bottles and instructions to all families of children in the Kingwood Township School, which were about 450 students. The program was also announced on the website, and there were also bottles available at the township building where residents could pick them up. The cost was $15 per test. She explained that the actual results went only to the individuals, but that the lab gave the township a summary. The lab sent out the flyer from the state regarding arsenic to people with high arsenic levels. She noted the program went well and stated that the Commission should discussed this further next month.

Joe Zgrzynski briefly commented on arsenic.

**Correspondence**

N/A

**Notice of upcoming dates and meetings:**

(5). New Jersey Happening – ANJEC – Going Beyond State Minimum Regulations to Minimize Storm-Water Runoff – Monday, April 7th 7 – 9

Vice Chairman David Posey reminded everyone of the meeting coming up in April. He reviewed where it will be taking place.

(6). ANJEC – Open Space Management – Thursday, April 10 at Mt. Holly and Tuesday, April 29, at Roseland

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed and reminded everyone of the meeting.

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol stated that she opened the recycling center last month and was there all day alone. She noted that she also cleaned up around the dumpsters. She noted that the Ukarish barn was taken down, which is across the road on the former Ukarish property.

Sandra McNicol explained that the Kline Company will be replacing M&A for the metal recycling at the township’s recycling center.

Sandra McNicol explained that she and the Supervisor of Department of Public Works have been working on the signage for the recycling center. She noted that the signs will be made by the County. She explained that there will be one large sign stating what can and cannot be recycled, and another sign saying “NO” along with all the things that will not be allowed.

Sandra McNicol stated that she had been receiving tonnage reports from businesses in the township. She explained that the Clean-Up days are starting in April this year and will run for four months, then stop for the months of August and September. She explained they will then start up again for the last month in October. She noted that prices have been lowered from $25.00 to $10.00 for a truck or trailer, and $10.00 to $5.00 for a car. She explained that the township is able to do this, because the township is receiving clean communities funds from the state.

Volunteer for Recycling Saturday, April 12, 2014

There was no discussion regarding a volunteer for April 12th.

Reports
(7). Copy of Letter to Frey Engineering, LLC – Re: Response Action Outcome

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed.
Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District
N/A

Action Items:
Sustainable Jersey
Diana Haywood noted that there is no update at this time.

MEL- Update on Site Remediation Meeting with Representatives from MEL

(8). Salt Plume Supplement Remedial Investigation Report and Proposal for Class Exception Area from MEL Chemical

Gail Ashley explained that there are several things going on right now. She explained that the Environmental Commission has decided to do an analysis on the salt plume in Kingwood, by taking the data MEL has collected from the domestic route. She explained that these reports are given to the township three to four times a year. She noted that from the help of Sandra McNicol and Secretary Keller, quarterly reports have been found going back approximately 12 years. She explained that she has help from individuals from the university who are working on a work study program who are now putting the information from the reports in an excel file. She is working currently on a file from the homes nearby MEL, which is a list of the levels of each test. She explained to everyone a chart that she is working on to show the difference of the tests over the years. She hopes to have more information by next month for everyone to review. David Posey noted that this information would be great information to bring and review when meeting with representatives from MEL. She noted that she was contacted a couple of weeks ago from Representatives from MEL, and explained that they are waiting for the key person to come from Connecticut to meeting with the Environmental Commission. She noted that they will be in contact with her regarding a date.

Joe Zgurzynski was present and shared information he knew about MEL. He said he goes back as far as 1970. He gave some suggestions for what the Environmental Commission should ask the representatives of MEL when they meet. He noted that he would like to see closure with MEL.

Gail Ashley noted that the salt is an issue and that it is not safe. There was a lengthy discussion regarding salt in ground water. Lois Voronin commented on several items she found in the report, and the concerns she has about them.

Sandra McNicol would like to see the wells that MEL drilled years ago tested to see what is in them at this time. Gail Ashley noted that these wells were put in when the state was involved.

Everyone thanked Joe Zgurzynski for his input this evening.

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the Tree Seedling Give-A-Away flyer and noted who to contact if there are any questions.

(9). Press Release – Community

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

Sandra McNicol explained the problem that was happening at the Horseshoe Bend Park regarding the dog leash free area and the dog droppings. She explained that people were putting them along the side of the dog leash free area, and also throwing it in the portable toilet. She noted that a gentleman who came to the park with his dog, volunteered to bring garbage cans and take them to be emptied each week. She noted that there is no problem with the dog poop bags anymore.

Sandra McNicol noted that the Township is working on the ANJEC grant to work on fields to pollinate for the butterflies. Joe Zgurzynski commented that he is very interesting in working with the group on this project. He reviewed several seed mixes that would be great for the project, which will attract the butterflies.

Kingwood Park

(10). Kingwood Park Stream Bank Planting – Volunteers Needed – April 5, 2014 10:00am – 1:00pm

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the flyer. He noted that they are looking for volunteers for that day to plant. Sandra McNicol explained that the New Jersey Water Supply Authority has really taken an interest in the Lockatong Creek, and that they are the individuals working on this restoration project. She welcomed everyone to come out and help plant on April 5th.

Site Plan Review

N/A

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Update on Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting of March 4, 2014

Sandra McNicol noted that there has been a new property preserved on Route 519 right before Barbertown Point Breeze Road. She noted that this is where the Lockatong comes across, which is on the eastern side of Route 519. She explained that the land most likely could not have been built on, and that the Hunterdon Land Trust purchased this property for $16,000.
6.

Sandra McNicol also noted that Kate Buttolph and Arlene Buckanon from the Hunterdon Land Trust were recognized recently as they are retiring. She explained that the township adopted a resolution in Kate Buttolph’s honor, and then read it aloud to everyone. She explained that there was a gathering to say thank you and good luck to them both.

Sandra McNicol shared an article with everyone regarding bees. Joe Zgurzynski commented on his concerns he has with the chemicals and the bees.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary