

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2014
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:42P.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 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

Debbie Kratzer
Gail Ashley
Sandra McNicol
Willard Reasoner
Diana Haywood
Timothy Cahalin
Joe Zgurzynski

Absent

Lois Voronin
Cynthia Niciecki
David Posey

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Minutes

(1). Approval of the September 23, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Willard Reasoner and carried to approve the September 23, 2014 Environmental Commission Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes.

2.

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

Old Business

N/A

New Business

(2). Resolution #2014-59 from Delaware Township – Opposition to the Pipeline

(PennEast Pipeline – Review) – The Commission reviewed the resolutions from Delaware Township and Hopewell Township. They all are in agreement that they oppose the pipeline that is being proposed. They would like to see Kingwood adopt a resolution opposing the pipeline.

Diana Haywood explained that the Township Committee would like to meet with the public first to obtain their feedback before adopting a resolution.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that this will impact the Lockatong and the Wickecheoke creeks, which would impact these environmentally. There was a lengthy discussion of the size and depth of the pipe and ditch to be constructed for the pipeline project.

Joe Zgurzynski reviewed the meeting he attended to learn more about fracking in Princeton, NJ on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 from 6:30 – 8:30. He explained an overview of fracking and how it is already impacting communities throughout New Jersey, and what our township could do about it. He noted that he and Elaine Niemann, Planning Board Chairwoman attended the meeting.

He brought back materials and resources to share with the township for consideration of adopting a local ordinance to ban fracking in our municipality.

Environmental Commission reviewed Delaware Township’s resolution. They expressed that they would like to make notes to add for Kingwood Township’s resolution.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer would like to add fracking to the agenda for next month to discuss. She will gather all the information, which Joe Zgurzynski brought back from the meeting in Princeton.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding taxes and other financial burdens that should be put on the pipelines. It was noted that the solar facilities are being taxed.

3.

Correspondence

- (3). Complimentary Copy of News Letter from ANJEC – Open Space is a Good Investment

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

- (4). Copy of Resolution from Township of Hopewell – Opposing PennEast Pipeline

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

- (5). Copy of letter to Mayor from President of the Washington Crossing Audubon Society

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

- (6). Proposed Amendment to the Hunterdon County Water Quality Management Plan Frenchtown Borough Wastewater Management Plan Chapter

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that anytime a town wants to go through a change they need to go through a public review process. She explained that Frenchtown wants to increase their sewer capacity at the present location. She noted that they are currently upgrading their plant and explained what they are proposing to do. She explained all the concerns that she has about the process of the treatment plant. She stated that sometimes the map is on their website.

Debbie Kratzer noted that the township has an opportunity to comment if they choose.

The Environmental Commission feel that it would be very important for the Township Committee to discuss this proposal from Frenchtown Borough. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer will be sending the Township Clerk a memo of recommendations to give to the Township Committee to discuss at their next meeting regarding their comments for the Frenchtown Borough Wastewater Management Plan.

Everyone thanked Joe Zgurzynski for his comments and advice.

Notice of Upcoming Workshops and meetings:

N/A

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol noted that the Del Val Jr. Terrier's Cheerleading Team had a cleanup day on October 18th, 2014. She stated that there were about 20 girls and 5 or 6 parents that worked and that they did a great job. She noted they used all the tools she provided for them.

4.

Sandra McNicol explained that the Township had their last cleanup program for 2014, which was the second Saturday of October on the 11th. She noted that now that the cleanup program is over, we need volunteers to mind the recycling center from 9:00am until 12:00pm on the second Saturday of each month.

Debbie Kratzer asked if anyone was available to volunteer for November 8th. She volunteered to be at the recycling center on November 8th, 2014 from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

Reports

(7). Suspected Hazardous Substance Notification from NJDEP – Milltown Road

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(8). Suspected Hazardous Substance Notification from NJDEP – Barbertown Idell Rd

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(9). Freshwater Wetlands Appl. Checklist – Locktown Rd.- Bl 17, Lot 17

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(10). QC - Lab Results for Water Testing at the Kingwood Park

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(11). QC - Lab Results for Water Testing – Municipal Building and Treatment Needed

Secretary Keller explained how the treatment for the coliform was taken care of at the municipal building. She explained that the water will be retested after a few weeks.

(12). Copy of Letter from Frey Engineering, LLC Re: Block 14, Lot 7

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(13). Copy of Letter from Environ – Re: Response Action Outcome - Block 15, Lot 8.04

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

5.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

(14). HCSCD – Letter of Certification – 151 Fairview Road – Bl 5, Lot 8.02

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(15). HCSCD – Report of Compliance – Kingwood Manor Block 22, Lot 17.05

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(16). HCSCD- Report of Compliance – Burk Dwelling Block 9, Lot 25.10

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey

Timothy Cahalin noted that there is nothing new to report this month.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that Diana Haywood will be contacting a person who she spoke to recently and would be interested in working with Kingwood regarding the sustainable program.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer would like them invited to the next month's Environmental Meeting on November 18th, 2014 at 7:30pm. She stated that if they are unable to attend, she would like to meet with them to get some input and ideas for the sustainable program another day.

MEL- Update

Gail Ashley noted that there were two individuals that they sent a letters to inviting them to come to the meeting this evening. She noted that they were unable to attend the meeting at this time. Gail Ashley will be looking into the results of the wells near and around MEL in more detail.

(17). Draft Significant Indirect User Renewal Permit Action from NJDEP to MEL Chemicals

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the renewal permit action. The Commission reviewed the draft New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NJDEPS permit action notice.

Everyone thanked Gail Ashley for all her hard work.

6.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update

Debbie Kratzer stated that she and Sandra McNicol are working on a grant proposal, which she talked about last month for a wildflower meadow at Horseshoe Bend Park.

Kingwood Park

Nothing new to report at the Kingwood Park this month.

Site Plan Review

(18). Subdivision Application for Final - Block 28, Lot 11.01 – Van Holten Group, Inc.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that this property is on the corner of Route 519 and Fairview Road heading south.

Sandra McNicol gave a brief description of what they were planning to do regarding the subdivision. She noted that there are seven projected lots to be subdivided.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked Sandra McNicol to bring back any environmental issues discussed at the Planning Board meetings of the property for the Environmental Commission to review.

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Update from October 7th, 2014 Open Space and Ag Meeting

Sandra McNicol noted that the Perrotti property may be applying for farmland preservation. She noted that this property was originally going to be a solar farm. She noted that the Hunterdon Land Trust has been working very hard to preserve properties.

Gail Ashley noted that she has gone solar at her home.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller
Secretary

