

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2017
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:37P.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 2, 2017, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on January 25, 2017. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 25, 2017.

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

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Debbie Kratzer	David Posey
Lois Voronin	Willard Reasoner
Gail Ashley	Cynthia Niciecki
Thomas Ciacciarelli	Timothy Cahalin
Sandra McNicol	Joe Zgurzynski

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

Richard Malgran, thanked the Environmental Commission for volunteering on the Commission. He thanked the Secretary for sending the Remediation Report from ENVIRON Ramboll, which he requested through an OPRA request. He noted the points he found interesting in the report. He mentioned a report Nick Scala and William Kraft promised the Commission, but never sent it to them. Gail Ashley noted they were working on the report and would send it when it was complete. Mr. Malgran feels that the Township Committee should look into obtaining more information regarding MEL. Thomas Ciacciarrelli commented on a letter the township sent to the Bureau of Radiological Detection in May of this year asking for status of any radioactivity on the site. The Bureau of Radiological Detection responded by asking the township for additional specific information. Thomas Ciacciarelli noted the township's attorney sent additional questions, and is waiting for a response this week.

Richard Malgran requested sending him a copy of the response from the Bureau when the township receives it.

2.

Richard Malgran introduced a visitor who came he wanted the Environmental Commission to meet. He introduced his neighbor George Pieczenik, who is a world renowned Molecular Biologist and a Professor of Biochemistry at Rutgers University.

Professor George Pieczenik noted he would like to present most of his comments to Environmental Commission Liaison, Thomas Ciacciarelli since he has a degree in Nuclear Engineer. He noted that he would like to discuss Pond 7 located at MEL. He reviewed a discussion he had earlier this year with a gentlemen from the Radiation Officer from MEL in February of 2017, regarding Pond 7. Professor Pieczenick expressed concerns for possible radiation on the property. He explained what happens when Uranium is mixed with water, which he believes is in the pond and is very easy to cleanup.

Lois Voronin noted that the ponds have been cleaned up in the past. Gail Ashley noted that the radioactivity on the notice from the NJDEP did not state being found in the pond, but noted that it was found at another area of the property and cleaned up. Professor George Pieczenik thanked everyone for allowing him to come and speak.

Everyone thanked Professor George Pieczenik for coming.

Minutes

(1). Approval of August 22, 2017 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the August 22, 2017 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

(2). Approval the Amount of \$453.32 for (4) Pages of the Fall Mailing Brochure

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the amount of \$453.32 to be paid from the Environmental Commission account towards 4 pages of the Fall Mailing Brochure for 2017.

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

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates –

(3). Raritan Headwaters Seminar – HC Library September 14th, 3-5pm Informing Residents of the Health Effects of Arsenic in Drinking Water & the Need to Test and Treat Private Wells

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

3.

Reminder – Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Council Meeting – September 28th- Plumstead Twp. Municipal Bldg. 7:00PM

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol reported on a group who did a cleanup recently and noted she expects two more coming up. She noted that the last clean-up day for the township program will be on the second Saturday in October on the 14th from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Reports

N/A

Right to Know Surveys

N/A

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

(4). HCSC – Bownath Site Plan – Block 12, Lot 7.01 – 114 Hwy 12 -Letter of Certification

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(5). Work Start Notification – Bl 12, L 7.01

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(6). HCSC – DeSapio Dwelling – Block 6, Lot 13.01 Letter of Certification

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

New Business

(7). Environmental Commission – 2016 Annual Report Draft

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted she does not have the report this month.

Old Business

Update on Chris Citgo

Sandra McNicol explained a company called JM Sorge is going door to door trying to get people to get their water testing done. The Commission feels this is a good idea for the residents to do who live near Chris Citgo.

Action Items:

Township Committee EC Liaison – Monthly Report

4.

Tom Ciacciarelli reported the Township Committee is hoping to get a response from the NJDEP regarding the latest report on MEL.

Sustainable Jersey – Kingwood Green Team Update

Nothing new this month.

MEL – Update

Update from Gail Ashley

(8). Questions for MEL Public Meeting – To Review

David Frank, Muddy Run Road has been here for 35 years. He noted that MEL seems like it has been through several different hands. He and his wife have many concerns about MEL.

The Commission discussed what they would like to speak about with MEL, Environ Ramboll and the NJDEP when they meet. They talked about a list of questions they all contributed and put together to be sent to Nick Scala. They also discussed other dates to possibly meet with these representatives. Hopefully by the next meeting they will have scheduled a date to all meet with the Environmental Commission.

Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc. Update

PennEast Pipeline: - Update

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that FERC has a quorum now and they are able to vote. She noted the Corps of Engineers has a question about the wetlands. She suggested a subcommittee to get together and work on the questions.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update Pollinator Meadow Project

The Commission suggested getting a volunteer to put the sign up at the pollinator meadow at the Horseshoe Bend Park.

Site Plan Review

(9). Application for a Zoning Permit – Block 15, Lot 8.01 – Liebherr USA, Co. Re: 847 State Route12

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. Sandra McNicol noted that they are changing the use at their company.

(10). Application to Amend the Recorded Final Subdivision Plat for Block 22, Lot 17. Request to Eliminate a Bio Basin and Basin Easement on Lot 17.04, 207 Heath Road. Plat Amendment if for Lot 17.01

The Commission reviewed the application. Sandra McNicol explained where on Heath Road this is located.

5.

(10a) Subdivision Plat for Block 22, Lot 17.01 – Bunker Hill Homes, Inc. Heath Road

The Commission reviewed the subdivision plat for block 22, lot 17.01. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer would like the Township Engineer to review this and answer several questions. The Environmental Commission would like Sandra McNicol to ask the Planning Board a few questions they recommended.

Update of Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting, September 5, 2017 – Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol gave a brief update of the September 5, 2017 Open Space and Agricultural meeting. She noted not much is new. She noted that Liz Schmid is working on properties to be preserved, which are now pending.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:56P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller
EC Secretary