ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2019
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30PM
Debbie Kratzer, Chairperson, read aloud the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirement

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 on January 31, 2019 and the Courier
News on January 27, 2019. A copy of the notice was telefaxed to the Express Times and posted at
the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 23, 2019.

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
Maureen Syrnick
Debbie Kratzer
Lois Voronin
Betsy Combs
Gail Ashley
Sandra McNicol

Absent
Mara Tippett
Ralph Celebre
Timothy Cahalin
Cynthia Niciecki

Privilege of the Floor
N/A

Approval of September 24, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Lois Vornin, and seconded by Betsy Combs and carried to approve the September
24, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:  Aye - Kratzer, Voronin, Combs
               Nay - None
               Abstain - Ashley
               Absent - Tippett, Cahalin, Celebre, Niciecki, McNicol
**Correspondence**
Letter from L. Wohl Atty representing neighbors of Block 51 Lot 16 Byram BOA applicant.
Letter from D. Pierce representing Kingwood Township BOA response.
Reviewed. Members were reminded of the Public Hearing for this application at the Board of Adjustment meeting on November 13, 2019 at 7:30PM.

ANJEC Single Use Roundtable Meeting November 13, 2019 at 6:00PM Plainsboro
Reviewed

**Report**
HCSCD Letter of Certification Block 6 Lot 8, 240 Ridge Rd.
Reviewed.

HCSCD Letter of Certification Block 6 Lot 29.04, 1071 State Hwy 12
Reviewed.

HCSCD Letter of Certification Block 18 Lot 3, 174 Fitzer Rd.
Reviewed.

HCSCD Report of Compliance Block 51 Lot 13, 101 Byram Lane
Reviewed.

**Action Items**
N/A

**Site Plan Review**
Minor Subdivision Checklist and Plan Block 6, Lot 7.01 – 280 Ridge Rd
Dividing lot into 4 properties they realized that they have steep slopes and C1 stream. They are now dividing the property into 2 Lots. Environmental Committee members S. McNicol and L. Voronin sit on the Planning Board and will report back to Environmental Commission regarding the status of this subdivision at the next Environmental meeting. D. Kratzer asked for specific follow-up regarding requested waivers.

Cellco and Verizon Postponed Completeness Hearing to November 13th BOA Meeting
Reviewed.

**Other Matters**
D. Kratzer gave a review of the annual ANJEC Conference that she attended this month.
Jennifer Coffey, Executive director of ANJEC spoke about plastics stating that there are currently 88 ordinances in the state restricting or eliminating plastic bags. As a result of those 88 ordinances 383 million bags have been prevented from going into the waste stream. The state goal is to have 100 ordinances in place by year end.

Katherine McCabe, Commissioner of NJDEP spoke about the five principles of DEP Leadership
• Follow the law
• Use best available science
• Listen to all sides
• Find the best balance of all sides
• Be transparent and honest with the public

S. McNicol asked for a Rockfall Mitigation update. There has been no additional information shared with Kingwood Township. Ms. McNicol suggested writing to our representative. M. Syrnick suggested contacting the Delaware River Wild and Scenic because they have been trying to keep the public involved with this issue.

S. McNicol asked if the Commission had received any follow up information regarding a Hunterdon County Freeholders meeting in held in May to oppose a NJDEP proposal for additions to the Category 1 Stream list. Commission discussed that the meeting was primarily focused on two streams in the Flemington area. Kingwood Township was not affected by the additions.

The Committee discussed Mr. Crance of the Delaware River Tubing Co. and his pattern of non-compliance.

**Horseshoe Bend Park Update**
Reviewed the Sustainable Kingwood Pollinator project completed by M. Tippett and Kingwood Girl Scout Troop #80375.

**Open Space Report**
N/A

**Sustainable Kingwood**
Listen at 8:11

**Recycling News and Update**
S. McNicol discussed the difficulties encountered in the attempt of having the clothing bin taken away.

County Hazardous waste on 2nd Saturday November.

**Luxfer**
G. Ashley will follow up with NJDEP.

**Penn East Pipeline Update:**
NJDEP rejected the Penn East application as submitted. Reason sited was the court case ruling that said Penn East could not sue the State of New Jersey for Eminent Domain because state rights override the Federal Gas Act. In order to submit applications to DEP for wetlands the applicant must own the referenced land. Penn East submitted applications for wetlands on State land which they do not own.
Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Sandra McNicol, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary