CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:36 PM. 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

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Privilege of the Floor

Katherine Erwin of Forefront Power, which is a solar power and storage company out of California, spoke to the Commission regarding a proposed local solar project. Her company has submitted, for approval, a first year application for a three year program. As part of the application process the BPU (Board of Public Utilities) requires that companies reach out to municipalities of operation to introduce themselves, answer questions, take feedback and leave contact information. Forefront Power will submit their application on September 9th for three projects in Kingwood Township. These projects would require BPU approval before any permitting with the Township could begin. All three projects would be located off State Route 12. One project would be 3.8 megawatts and the other two projects would be 5 megawatts each. These sites are located on agricultural parcels of approximately 20 to 30 acres each and would be acquired under private lease by the landowner.
The electricity from these projects would be made available to local rate payers as well as those in
the electrical distribution company at large at a reduced rate from the typical credit rate.
The goal of the program is that lower cost electricity be provided to rate payers at a cost savings
of at least 10%. This information would be disseminated to the public by a media means not yet
determined.
Ms. Erwin showed the Commission a map of the proposed locations. The Commission was given
opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

Approval of July 23, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, and seconded by Ralph Celebre and carried to approve the July
23, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Correspondence
ANJEC Membership 2019
D. Kratzer requested secretary, Michele Walters, to review past minutes to determine if this
membership had already been voted on by the Commission.

FoHVOS July Newsletter
Reviewed.

Native Plant Society of NJ
Reviewed.

Girl Scout Bee Barn Beautification for Bronze Event Flyer
Reviewed.

Thank You Letter to Cub Scout Pack #251 – Tree Planting
Reviewed.

Report
Suspected Hazardous Waste Report – Kingwood Boat Launch
Reviewed.

Action Items
Recommendation to Township Committee to Write and Adopt a Single-Use Plastic, Paper or
Polystyrene Reduction Ordinance.
M. Tippet reported on the ANJEC workshop that she attended titled “Ditching Disposables”.
The workshop focused primarily on the City of Lambertville’s Single Use Plastic Bag ordinance
as a model case. Lambertville started with community outreach by meeting with business owners
to gauge their reactions about the possible ordinance. The City then made the choice to provide
plastic bags to customers or use a different product voluntary. The City passed an ordinance banning the use of plastic bags this past January which is to take effect in 2020. Through a grant obtained from ANJEC the City was able to purchase reusable bags and has distributed two bags to each household.

In general there seems to be different ways that Townships are dealing with this environmental problem. Some are instituting fees that the business owners pay to continue to use single use plastic bags. Other Townships, such as Lambertville, are banning the use of these bags altogether. Some Townships are banning plastic bags based on their thickness with thinner, single use bags being banned but thicker, multi-use bags being permitted.

**NJDOT Rockfall Mitigation Meeting Review**

D. Kratzer reviewed the NJDOT presentation on the Rockfall Mitigation project. The DOT proposed project was divided into 4 sections over an area from Point Pleasant up to the Devils Tea Table. Their intent is to “shave” entire cliff areas back 15 to 25 feet depending on the area, to make a gap between the road and the rock wall to collect any potential falling rocks. The wall would be tilted back and leaving a “clean” rock face wall. They spent a lot of time documenting the few rocks that have fallen in the past. Those included one very large rock and another 32 rocks of varying sizes.

The NJDOT believes that there is only one location that they would need property owner permission to do their planned project. When asked what would happen if the owner did not approve they stated that they would use Eminent Domain.

Many people attended this meeting to express their concerns.

D. Kratzer reviewed the Rockfall in NJ Proactive Collaborative Report submitted by Haley Aldrich Engineering.

**Site Plan Review**

Block 30 Lot 2 – Warford Road, Accessory Apartment Reviewed.

Block 33, Lot 6.02 Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – Variance Request Reviewed.

Block 2 Lots 2 and 5 Boundary Line Adjustment – 257 County Road 519

S. McNicol reported that this property is located off of Oak Summit Rd. The landowner is looking for a number of waivers regarding well and wetlands delineation.

The Committee moved to recommend that the Planning Board not grant a waiver for the Letter of Interpretation and C1 Stream delineation for Block 2 Lots 2 and 5.

It was moved by Mara Tippett, and seconded by Ralph Celebre and carried to recommend that the Planning Board not grant a waiver for the Letter of Interpretation and C1 Stream delineation for Block 2 Lots 2 and 5.
Roll Call Vote:

Aye - Kratzer, Celebre, McNicol, Tippet, Cahalin
Nay - None
Abstain - None
Absent - Ashley, Voronin, Combs, Niciecki

Block 17 Lot 15 Galleria Construction Site Plan Application – 832 State Highway 12.
Reviewed.

Memo to Karen Radcliffe once application is deemed completed to submit information to EC.

Other Matters
Energy Storage
Reviewed

Sustainable Kingwood
M. Tippett reported:

- Planting of the pollination project to begin in October. The local girl scouts have volunteered to help. Seed order to be placed soon.

- Working on the Sustainable Jersey certification. To be completed by September 4th.

- A crew of 4 people will be working on a rain garden project,

- D. Kratzer reported that the tree tubes from the tree planting at Kingwood Park need to be straightened. Will be looking for volunteers for this job.

Recycling News and Update
S. McNicol reported that the Delaware River Clean-Up will take place on September 21, 2019
School Groups are welcome to participate.

Penn East Pipeline Update:
Penn East Application
D. Kratzer, as an employee of NJDEP, recused herself from this discussion.
M. Syrnick discussed the receipt of the municipal copies of the Penn East application which was filed with NJDEP. The application involves a large volume of information but appears to be inaccurate and incomplete.
Community groups have requested longer than a 30 day comment period from NJDEP.
NJDEP has one year to rule on this application.

Adjournment
It was moved by Mara Tippett and seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:53PM.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.
Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary