

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

March 11, 2008 @ 7:30 PM

A. Open Meeting

Meeting is called to order at 7:40 p.m. and it is announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

Members Present:

Cheryl Filler, Chair

Jackie Oliphant

Tricia Sarrow

Gary Buchanan

Steve Foster

Christina Albrecht

Members of the Public

None

B. Minutes:

- 1. January 22, 2008 – carried to next meeting**
- 2. February 26, 2008 *Christina Albrecht made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jackie Oliphant seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.***

C. LOI Review

- 1. Block 39, Lot 53.10 – *no comment***
- 2. Block 13, Lot 69 – *no comment***

D. Correspondence:

- 1. Letter from South Branch Watershed Association – *South Branch Watershed Association will hold its 18th Annual Spring River Clean-Up on Saturday, April 19th, 2008 from 9 am to Noon. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the river and surrounding land at 20 sites throughout the entire watershed from the river's beginning at Budd Lake in Mount Olive to its end in Branchburg. The EC discussed if they had any sites they could recommend that needed "cleaning up" or in the alternative forwarding the SBWA a donation. Christina Albrecht made a motion to send in a donation for the same amount that was donated in the year 2007. Seconded by Steve Foster. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.***

A voucher will be prepared for \$300, which was the amount the EC donated in 2007. Mayor Auriemma will be notified that the EC has forwarded the contribution.

- 2. Letter from State of New Jersey regarding PNC Bank 218 Halls Mill Rd., concern underground storage tank - *No Comment***
- 3. Letter from State of New Jersey regarding Block 65, Lot 7-**

concern underground storage tank *No Comment*

E Other Business

1. **Letter from County Department of Parks & Recreation** *The County Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled their 8th Annual Earth Day Celebration to take place on Saturday, April 26th at Deer Path Park. It will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The EC determined that they will participate. The secretary will RSVP the county. Steve Foster volunteered to “head up” the EC’s participation. Additionally, Gary Buchanan, Jackie Oliphant and Christina Albrecht will volunteer time during the day.*

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ANJEC Road Shows** – *The Road Show scheduled for October 28, 2008 will be confirmed with ANJEC and also request if there are additional presentations that could be offered that evening if they feel that the subject matter would coordinate with the Stormwater seminar.*
2. **ANJEC Grant** – *Additional information was received from Dr. Souza. This information has been forwarded to the EC members and the Township Committee. The ANJEC Grant presentation has been placed on the March 17th Township Committee agenda. Steve Foster will check with Julia Allen and John Klotz to see who will present the committee with this grant proposal. Steve Foster did volunteer to do the presentation if needed. The Planning Board notified the Township Committee of their support.*

Jackie Oliphant made a motion to have the EC forward a memo of support, similar to the Planning Board’s memo, to the Township Committee. Gary Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Dr. Souza will be asked if Cheryl Filler, EC Chairwoman, can assign a designee to the newly proposed ANJEC Grant.

The amount of the EC’s proposed budget for the year 2008 is \$ 8,125. The EC is contemplating slating \$2,500 from their budget towards the ANJEC Grant.

3. **Table for EC @Pickell Park after the Memorial Day Parade.** *The EC will participate. Some ideas were to have members go to the local businesses and request environmentally friendly items, i.e. cloth bags that display the business’s advertising logo. The bags could be distributed to the public encouraging everyone not to use plastic bags. Availability of the members to participate at this event will be sought.*
4. **Wachovia Bank, N.A.**

**420 Route 22
Block 8, lots 4, 5, 6 & 7
Variance application**

The EC revisited this topic. The file was not reviewed, but they addressed concerns from memory about the tremendous amount of impervious coverage that the applicant is proposing. Christina Albrecht made a motion to authorize Cheryl Filler to write a letter to the Board of Adjustment requesting that they make it a practice not to grant applications with vast amounts of impervious coverage. Steve Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Additionally, this property has an older barn on the site. The building is the one now used as the drive through.

Tricia Sarrow is a member of Historic Preservation Commission and did not recall that this application was reviewed by them. This is an open issue as to who is responsible for sending the application to the Historic Preservation Commission. The review procedure is listed in the township's code book, Chapter 27. The Chair will speak to Julia Allen regarding updating this policy.

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

- LFP Holdings, LLC
Minor Subdivision
Block 77, Lot 28
204 Pleasant Run Road
Action Date: April 14, 2008 (hearing scheduled for 4-14-08)**

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

- CharDham Hindu Temple/Readington
Use Variance & Preliminary Site Plan
25A Coddington Road
Signed extension to January 17, 2008**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

1. **New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
Block 17, Lot 9
384 Route 22,
Variance
Action date: March 24, 2008**

H. Educational Opportunities

None

I. Publications

1. **The Current**

J. Minutes

**Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

K. Soil Conservation Reports

1. **HCSCD regarding Orlando Dwelling, Block 65, Lot 7 “Letter of Conditional Certification” *Noted***
2. **HCSCD regarding Kroon Dwelling, Block 45, Lot 25.37 “Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Letter” *Noted***
3. **HCSCD regarding Rockaway Creek, Block 39, Lot 57 “Recission of Stop Construction Order” *Noted***
4. **HCSCD regarding Fiddler’s Elbow Golf Improvement Project Block 12, Lot 15 “Letter of Certification” *Noted***
5. **HCSCD regarding Denning Dwelling add’n, Block 43, Lot 12 “Letter of Certification” *Noted***
6. **HCSCD regarding Kroon Dwelling, Block 45, Lot 25.37 “Confirmation of 48 hour notification of land disturbance” *Noted***
7. **HCSCD regarding Kroon Dwelling – Block 45, lot 25.37 “Letter of Certification” *Noted***

L. Public Comment - None

- M. Adjournment – *Tricia Sarrow made a motion to adjourn. Christina Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.***

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Jacukowicz