

Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
June 21, 2011

A. **Open Meeting**

Meeting is called to order at 7:38 p.m. and it is announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

Members present:

Judy Tutela

Jason Giroud

Jerry Cook

Frank Ace

Steve Foster, Chair

Members of the Public

Keith Petzinger

B. **Minutes:**

1. May 17, 2011 – carried to next meeting due to lack of attendees eligible to vote.
2. June 7, 2011 – carried to next meeting due to lack of attendees eligible to vote.

C. **LOI/Freshwater Wetlands**

None

D. **Correspondence:**

1. Copy of letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous substance on 23 Weavers Lane. Noted

E. **Old Business:**

1. C-1 Petition status – No change. Mr. Foster has not heard back from Dr. Souza. Mr. Foster will email Dr. Souza and remind him that he is waiting for an update.
2. Update recycling sign – Mr. Ace submitted a revised plan of the bulletin board for township recycling for the EC's review. Mr. Ace created a cover letter to be forwarded to the Township Committee. Mr. Ace informed everyone that the sign was updated to show a tire as the base, rather than planted. The secretary will forward same to the governing body for their review.
3. Local Public Education approved activities and Points – no comment
4. Webpage update- reminder to everyone to peruse other EC websites throughout the country for ideas to upgrade our site.
5. 2010 Stormwater Annual Report status- This was completed – no further action needed.
6. Open Space Newsletter/Board of Education List Serve capabilities- Mrs. Tutela recommended that the EC has to begin with upgrading their website. This came about through Mr. Kelly's thoughts if the EC could work in concert with the Open Space to produce a newsletter, which evolved as to how this can be accomplished electronically. This item will be carried to the next meeting

F. **Educational Opportunities**

None

G. **Site Plan Review and Comment**

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

1. Hassan Nahvi
Block 39, L. 3
Preliminary Major Site Plan
Hearing date: June 27, 2011
Action date: July 7, 2011

The EC reviewed the file. They were unable to find enough detail to show that there is a sufficient explanation as to how the applicant plans to manage the stormwater runoff.

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

H **Publications**

None

- I. **Minutes** – Secretary will convert files to pdf format and circulate.
Board of Adjustment – sent via email
Planning Board – sent via email

J. **Soil Conservation Reports**

1. None

K. **New Business**

1. Mr. Cook updated the EC regarding the PB June 13, 2011 TRC meeting. He stated that Fallone application for B. 31, L. 37 was incomplete.
2. Regarding the Pleasant Run, B. 75, L. 19, the EC did not find any outstanding environmental concerns.

L. **Public Comment-** Miscellaneous Comments:

Mr. Foster stated that since the summer is here, he would like to cancel meetings where no urgent business needs to be addressed in order to allow committee members more time with their families. However, by the end of the summer he would like the committee to have completed updates to the web page and outlines of educational programs that might be supported in the schools and in the community. The Readington Township School committees are interested in partnering with the township to create educational projects. They are looking into constructing compost piles at the schools. The EC is committed to the new “No Idli” laws. Mrs. Tutela suggested that at the beginning of the school year a campaign might be implemented for “no idling” of motor vehicles...either at the school pickup/dropoff areas or at the school bus stops throughout the Township.

Mr. Ace asked about the solar ordinance. Mr. Foster stated that it would be created at the Planning Board.

- M. **Adjournment** – Mrs. Tutela made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor. No nays recorded.

Respectfully submitted,