

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

July 19, 2011

A. Open Meeting

Meeting is called to order at 7:30 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:**

Christina Albrecht

Frank Ace

Judy Tutela

Jay Kelly

Jason Giroud

Steve Foster, Chair

**Public**

Keith Petzinger

1. May 17, 2011 – Judy Tutela made a motion to approve the minutes. Jay Kelly seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays recorded.
  2. June 7, 2011- Judy Tutela made a motion to approve the minutes. Frank Ace seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays recorded.
  3. June 21, 2011 – Frank Ace made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Giroud seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays recorded.
  4. (July 5, 2011 meeting was canceled)
- C. LOI/Freshwater Wetlands - None
- D. Correspondence:
1. Letter from “The Elm Group” regarding B. 91, L. 4 dated July 7, 2011 – Noted – no action taken.
- E. Old Business:
1. C-1 Petition status –Mr. Foster informed everyone that the progress is at a standstill at the present time. When speaking with Dr. Souza, the material that was uncovered during the hearings for Bellemead was not substantial enough to warrant the NJDEP to re-classify the stream. The NJDEP would have to perform studies in order to make a decision on the stream classification. It would be wise to wait until the NJDEP has funding to take the lead on this project.
  2. Update recycling sign – The picture and information was forwarded to Vita Mekovetz. The EC has still not heard anything back as to whether or not the Township Committee took action.
  3. Open Space Newsletter Hard Copy Possibilities – Mr. Kelly informed everyone that the Open Space Committee is still interested in circulating the newsletter. How the newsletter is circulated is still a problem that has to be worked out. Mr. Kelly stated that they were going to explore the possibility of using the website, however, it might be more efficient to have a flyer printed that will be circulated in a particular area of the township as a pilot project.
  4. Webpage update – Mr. Ace suggested that information relating to fertilizer handling and new updates that are related to the environment should be placed on the webpage. Mr. Foster suggested that the EC members derive

ideas from other websites that they feel would be appropriate on our website. Also, a list of items that would be pertinent to the EC should be compiled for review at a future date. Mr. Petzinger recommended that the website indicate that the EC meetings are open to the public. Also display new laws local and state that have been enacted. A “did you know” tab should be placed on the webpage. Also it should include information regarding recycling, medical waste, construction materials, solar information, current events, etc. Mr. Foster recommended that everyone come up with a list of ideas in time for the next meeting. Ms. Albrecht volunteered to obtain the “solar” links. Mrs. Tutela volunteered to obtain “invasive/native plant” links.

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 25, 2011 (no new submissions)*

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

1. Pleasant Run, LLC  
Preliminary & Final Preliminary Major Site Plan  
Route 202 @Summer Road  
Action date: August 20, 2011 – *Noted- no action*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

1. Jeffrey E. Bergold  
B. 52.01, L. 22  
Edgewood Road  
Conditional Use  
Action date: August 22, 2011

H Publications

None

I. Minutes

Board of Adjustment – sent via email

Planning Board – sent via email

J. Soil Conservation Reports

None

K. Public Comment – Mr. Kelly informed everyone that the Tenneco Dam was removed yesterday from the Raritan River. It was located south of Duke Island Park.

The EC discussed coverage for the sale of well test kits. The EC deliberated the fact the results of the well tests are not disclosed.

Mr. Foster informed everyone that there has not been any update regarding the

bus idling problem at the school. Mr. Kelly recommending displaying a sign that vehicle idling makes children ill.

L. Adjournment

- Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Mrs. Tutela seconded the motion. All in favor, no nays recorded.

Respectfully submitted,