

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

August 2, 2011

A. Open Meeting

Meeting is called to order at 7:45 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

Jason Giroud

Steve Foster, Chair

Public

None

B. Minutes:

1. July 19, 2011 – Judy Tutela made a motion to approve the minutes. Frank Ace seconded the motion. All in favor, no Nays recorded.

C. LOI/Freshwater Wetlands - None

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 67, L. 19.44 (no further action) *Noted*
2. Letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous substance at 5 Coddington Road – *Noted*
3. Support request from ANJEC - *Noted* – *For the record, the 38th Annual Environmental Congress entitled Water Worries: Strategies & Solutions is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to be held at the Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. Mr. Foster highly recommended that the EC attend this conference. Additionally, the New NJ Fertilizer La, which was enacted on January 5, 2011, still allows you to feed your lawn, but reduces impact on the New Jersey waters.*

E. Old Business:

1. C-1 Petition status – *This agenda item will be carried to a future meeting once the EC is provided additional information the NJDEP and Dr. Souza.*
2. Update recycling sign – *Frank Ace informed everyone that the recycling sign is complete, except for the welding. The price of the materials was more than originally calculated, since they needed a thicker Plexiglas.*
3. Open Space Newsletter Hard Copy Possibilities – *This agenda item will be carried to a future meeting.*
4. Webpage update – *Jason Giroud informed everyone that most of the information is already on the Public Works website, regarding recycling, etc. He put together local interests, municipal, county and State. This information will be forwarded to Vita Mekovetz. The secretary will obtain a copy of the recycling report issued by Scott Jesseman for Readington Township. Once obtained, the information will be forwarded to the EC members.*

Judy Tetula's assignment was to accumulate information relating to plants. She informed the EC that the New Jersey Native Plants Society was extremely informative. It gave information as to the plants that should be planted and identified invasive species that should not be planted. Additionally, the site "EDD Maps" was a very helpful site. This

site dealt with the invasive species. The EC agreed that pictures of plants that are noninvasive and deer resident would be helpful to have on the website. Additionally, the concept of using “grouped” items would be more helpful than using lists. The total information will be gathered and then organized.

Christina Albrecht’s researched showed that many companies want to install solar panels and the monetary incentives that are available from the State. The conclusion was to alert the public to be careful about specific commercial references and inform them about different technologies.

Frank Ace researched the NJDEP website. He printed out the paperwork and highlighted the areas that he felt were appropriate for the EC to consider, i.e. use of natural areas; endangered species; individual sewage disposal, private well testing, underground storage tanks and recycling rules. It would be appropriate to have State, County and local information.

5. Well Test Kits – *Frank Ace created a sign-up sheet for the EC members. The dates for the well test pick up times are October 17, October 19 and October 21. The EC discussed possibilities as to how they will handle the well test kit sales.*

6. Bus idling @school - carried

F Educational Opportunities

None -

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

1. Pleasant Run, LLC

Preliminary & Final Preliminary Major Site Plan

Route 202 @Summer Road (**HEARING DATE August**

22, 2011) *the applicant is scheduled for a hearing on August, 22nd. They are contemplating a meeting with the professionals prior to the hearing. Steve Foster created a memo that included the Environmental Commission concerns on the site. The memo will be circulated to the applicant’s professionals and the board’s professionals prior to the hearing date. He stated that the Hunterdon County Planning Board has approved the application subject to the 2 cisterns being constructed as drawn on the plan. The EC members commented that the items contained in the memo are recommendations only, since most of these items are governed by the SADC. The EC encouraged the applicant to use Low Impact Development standards to mitigate the impact of the increase of runoff due to the impervious surfaces. Frank Ace made a motion to forward the memo to the Planning Board for distribution to the applicant and board members. Judy Tutela seconded the motion. All ayes, no Nays recorded.*

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

1. Jeffrey E. Bergold

B. 52.01, L. 22

Edgewood Road

Conditional Use (**HEARING DATE August 18, 2011)**

This is an application seeking approval to build a home on a lot that does not abut a public street. The property does not fall within the Readington Township wetlands. There does not appear to be any environmental impact that this development would have adversely on the water flow, wetlands, on known habitat. Pursuant to the Readington Township ERI, there are no endangered species indicated on the site. No action taken by the EC.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

H Publications

None

I. Minutes

Board of Adjustment – sent via email - *Noted*

Planning Board – sent via email *Noted*

J. Soil Conservation Reports

None

K. Public Comment *None*

L. Adjournment – *Frank Ace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Christina Albrecht seconded the motion. All in favor, no Nays recorded.*

Respectfully submitted,