

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

March 6, 2012

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 have been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

Members present:

Christina Albrecht

Frank Ace, Vice Chairman

Judy Tutela

Jerry Cook

Jason Giroud

Jay Kelly

Steve Foster, Chairman

Public

Molly Crowther

B. Minutes:

1. February 7, 2012 – Judy Tutela made a motion to approve the minutes. All in favor.

C. LOI/Freshwater Wetlands - None

D. Correspondence: copies sent via email – Judy Tutela made a motion to accept the correspondence. Mr. Ace seconded the motion. All in favor, no Nays recorded.

1. Letter from EcolSciences, Inc., regarding B. 39, L. 53.18 (from last meeting agenda)

(March 6, 2012 agenda)

1. Letter from PSE&G regarding application to install new gas mains in public right-of-way

2. Notice from NJDEP regarding Van Doren Oil Co.,

3. Letter from PEI regarding North Pole Insulation Corp.

4. Letter from NJDEP regarding Receptor Evaluation on 291 Rt. 22 East

5. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 70.01, L. 11

6. NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit Notification Letter

7. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 53, L. 5 (LOI)

8. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 48, L. 21.20

9. Letter from ADS regarding B. 64, L. 1

F. Old Business:

1. Committee Member projects and interests in 2012" update

2. Update on Logging Bill – Jay Kelly informed everyone that this will be voted on shortly. Everyone was invited to go to Trenton when the bill will be voted upon. The EC members do not have to speak, but they can if they are so inclined.

3. Projects to maintain Sustainable Communities Status for 2012- Steve Foster met with the administrator and waiting to hear back as to what is required to maintain the Sustainable Communities status for 2012.

4. TRANSCO Gas Pipe Line discussion – The new pipe line that is indicated on the map will not affect Readington Township. Molly Crowther informed the EC that according to her research that is true. There are currently old pipes installed in Readington. This will be continued to the next meeting.

G Educational Opportunities

ANJEC Easement Inventory class. If the EC is looking to move forward with the Grant, Frank Ace stated that it could be a good class to attend. Molly Crowther attended an ANJEC class and highly recommended it.

H. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

1. Investors Savings Bank

Final Site Plan

Block 89, Lot 1

HEARING DATE: MARCH 12, 2012 This is the renovation of existing bank. The EC does not have any comments.

2. Fallone Properties, LLC
19 Whitehouse Ave.
B. 31, L. 37
Preliminary Major Subdivision
HEARING DATE: MARCH 26, 2012

The EC reviewed the file. There were recommendations regarding stormwater recharge and additional plantings. The EC will draft a letter and submit same to the Planning Board in time for the hearing. The chairman will follow up with the secretary regarding additional documentation on this matter.

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES PENDING

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES –

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES PENDING - NOTED

1. John Schley
37 Island Road
B. 14, L. 1
Variance
Action date: April 1, 2012
2. Hunterdon Brewing Company, LLC
12 Coddington Road
B. 36, L. 44.02
Variance
Action date: April 7, 2012
3. Todd Sherry
281 Potterstown Road
B. 4, L. 13
Variance
Action date: April 9, 2012
4. Oh Harvest Group, LLC
405 Rt. 22 East
B. 21.13, L. 4
Variance
Action date: April 16, 2012

I. Publications

None

J. Minutes

Board of Adjustment
Planning Board

K. Soil Conservation Reports

None

L. Public Comment

The EC talked about the need to identify the new recycling containers on the website. Recycling instructions should be placed in the kiosk. Steve Foster informed everyone that he is looking for a picture of new native flower to attach to the poster that will be inserted into the kiosk and placed on the website. Regarding the website, Frank Ace made some more suggestions on additional links that should be added to get to a point of reference. Recycle needs to be placed on the website, with an environmental protection button. They have gotten permission from the township to deal directly with the website representative. They need a flyer for the kiosk explaining the procedure to recycle batteries. Motorcycle and car batteries are accepted, but there is no mention about nickel and rechargeable batteries.

M. Adjournment – Steve Foster made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Judy Tutela seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,