

Environmental Commission Meeting  
April 9, 2013  
Special Meeting Minutes

A: CALL TO ORDER:

This Special Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act having been met and with this meeting having been duly advertised.

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Attending: S Foster, J Cook, C Albrecht, J Tutella,

Mike Gartman-Ecology & Environment, Inc, Brent Simmons -  
Williams/Transco, John Todd - Williams/Transco

Members of the Public: Eileen Petriw, Nancee Clelland, Larry Barbee

B. BUSINESS:

The single item for consideration was a discussion concerning the Williams Companies/Transco natural gas Southeast Pipeline Expansion Project and its impact on the Readington Township community. The project is planned to begin approximately at Route 202 and the border with Branchburg and follow Pleasant Run Road to Route 523 and continue following Stanton Road to the Western edge of the Township at the border with Clinton Township. No decisions or actions were taken at this meeting.

The Williams Partners representatives presented the Leidy Southeast Project components and project timelines as they relate to Readington Township. Project details were related to Readington Tax Maps so that specific property, street and natural resource locations could be discussed.

The Leidy Project timeline for Readington Township activity has begun with survey assessment of the effected properties. Environmental surveys will be conducted over the next three to four weeks by Ecology & Environment staff. John Klotz from the Open Space Committee will be invited to accompany the surveyors on Township trails abutting/crossing the project areas. A complete application is expected to be presented by Williams Partners/Transco to the permitting authorities (Federal and State) by October 2013; Approval is expected by December 2014; Start of work is expected by Spring 2015; Completion of work is expected by November of 2015.

The Environmental Commission expressed its appreciation for the Project's attention to detail on habitat and Threatened and Endangered Species on all parcels effected by the Pipeline Expansion work, especially the meadows, forest and eagle and turtle designations in the western/Stanton area. It expressed appreciation that the restoration of effected sensitive areas will receive all required attention and looks forward to reviewing that progress with the Project leadership as appropriate.

Brent Simmons stated that the on-site work environmental issues supervisor will have stop work authority if at any time there is/might be a problem that needs addressing.

Ms. Clelland expressed concern that the Project be prepared to deliver fully satisfactory restoration of private property impacted by the work. Mr. Simmons assured her that would be the case and that each property owner will have direct access to a project liaison for that purpose.

C. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

