

**Environmental Commission Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 10, 2009**

**A. Open Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised. *Christina Albrecht volunteered to be the recorder.*

**Members Present:**

Cheryl Filler, Chair  
Christina Albrecht  
Steve Foster  
Jay Kelly

**B. Minutes:**

1. February 24, 2009 *Christina Albrecht made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

**C. Correspondence:**

1. Flood Hazard Permit for Readington Township *Noted*
2. NJDEP notification report for 10 Summer Road  
Hazardous substance discharge *Noted*
3. NJDEP notification report for 6 Stanton Road  
Hazardous substance discharge *Noted*
4. NJDEP notification report for 3619 Rt. 22 East  
Hazardous substance discharge *Noted*
5. Invitation from URWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 6 *Noted*
6. Invitation to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for SBWA *Noted*
7. Letter from NJDEP regarding B. 51.01, L. 2.32  
"No further action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue" *Noted*
8. Letter from NJDEP regarding B. 56, L. 2  
"Flood Hazard Determination Area" *Noted*
9. NJDEP notification report for 28 Somerset Street  
Hazardous substance discharge *Noted*
10. Letter from NJDEP regarding 1035 Barley Sheaf Rd.  
"No further action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue" *Noted*
11. NJDEP notification report for 518 Farmersville Rd.  
Hazardous substance discharge *Noted*
12. Letter from SBWA *Christina Albrecht made a motion to send in the same amount donation as 2008. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded. Steve Foster volunteered to write a letter to the Recreation Commission seeking volunteers to help during the South Branch clean up day.*

**D. New Business:**

**1. Surface Water Study** *Mrs. Filler informed everyone about the meeting that took place involving Grace Messinger, North Jersey RC&D from and Donna Drewes, Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey, Julia Allen and herself. A study area was delineated in a portion of the North Branch of the Rockaway and expanded down into Readington Township. The objective was to identify where there might be potential problems for non point source pollution. Also they identified the stream buffers on Readington's map. The New Jersey Institute of Technology is performing the study. North Jersey RC&D and the Municipal Land Use Center are the two that presented the map. This information will assist the EC when reviewing development applications determine what kind of treatment the stormwater will need, and also what kind of mitigation would occur. Christina Albrecht made a motion to incorporate this information into the updated ERI. Steve Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

**2. Sustainable Jersey Certification Program** – *Cheryl Filler informed everyone that this is another topic that came up during the meeting. If the township could conduct a project from the list that is provided the township would be assigned points and that would assist the township in obtaining grants. Steve Foster agreed to participate in the program. Once it is reviewed, Mrs. Filler will present the results to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment to secure volunteers.*

**3. Update of Reexamination of the Master Plan** *Surface water and recycling was included.*

**4. Merck** – *Mrs. Filler informed the EC about her conversation with Merck about their solar panels that are constructed in their parking lot. She was looking into touring the site. She was interested in participating in seminars for recycling and solar energy.*

**E. Site Plan Review and Comment**

**PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES**

- 1 Tom Jr. Properties**  
**Preliminary Major Subdivision**  
**Block 36, Lot 7**  
**1 Railroad Lane** *No action taken*
  
- 2. Ridge Road Realty, LLC**  
**Preliminary Major Subdivision**  
**Block 38, Lots 54, 74, 75**  
**Pearl Street**  
**Action date: June 12, 2009**

*Mrs. Filler stated that the applicant submitted an LOI that was questionable. Dr. Souza has been asked to review the documentation. This is a fully conforming application. The open space is located in the back yard. The lots are 6 acres. She*

*stated that the EC should comment on this matter since it is not a low impact development. There are two tributaries. The EC reviewed the subdivision plan. The EC will forward their comments to Dr. Souza.*

**PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES**

None

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES**

1. **Mark Hartman  
Preliminary-Final Site Plan  
Use and Bulk Variance, Minor Subdivision  
US Rt. 22**
2. **Winfield Management Corp.  
Preliminary-Final Site Plan &  
Use Variance**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:**

None

**F. Educational Opportunities**

1. **Green by Design - ANJEC**

**G. Publications**

None

**H. Minutes  
Board of Adjustment  
Planning Board**

**I. Soil Conservation Reports**

None

**J. Public Comment**

None

**K. Adjournment**

*Motion by Christina Albrecht to adjourn at 9:20. Seconded by Jay Kelly.  
Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christina Albrecht*

