

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 14, 2009

A. Open Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised. *Jackie Oliphant volunteered to be the recorder.*

Members Present:

Cheryl Filler, Chair
Christina Albrecht
Steve Foster
Jackie Oliphant
Jim Hutzelmann
Jay Kelly arrived @7:53 p.m.

Members of the Public

Keith Petzinger
Lindsay Troyer
Kim Yayzee

B. Minutes:

1. March 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. LOI Review:

1. B. 2.01, L. 9 - Noted.
2. Chuck Westerfield's property – *this LOI was attached to the B. 2.01, L. 9. The Chairman discussed the proposed renovations to the vet hospital.*
2. B. 21.13, L 7 - Noted

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous waste for 60 Readington Rd. - *Noted*
2. Letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous waste for 598 Old York Rd. *Noted*
3. Letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous waste for 3 Smith's Branch Rd. *Noted*
4. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 45, L. 68 "No further action letter and covenant not to sue" *Noted*
5. Letter from Hatch, Mott & MacDonald B. 69, L. 12 *Noted*
6. Letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous waste for

38 Partridge Rd. *Noted*

- 7. Letter from State of NJ regarding suspected hazardous waste for Stanton Station Rd. *Noted***

E New Business:

- 1. Booth coverage for Memorial Day - *Madam Chair informed everyone an EC booth will be erected at Pickle Park during the Memorial Day Parade. Coverage is usually needed in the morning. A schedule will be created and circulated to the EC for their approval. This will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***
- 2. Ordinance banning the use of herbicides *Madam Chair stated that she received a telephone call from Committeewoman Muir, who confirmed that in the springtime the township sprays herbicides on the ball fields. She wanted the EC to discuss the creation of an ordinance that would prohibit the use of herbicides.***

Ms. Muir recommended that the applicator should be a “drop-down spreader” rather than a “broadcast spreader”. Madam Chair recommended that an ordinance be created requiring certain methods for the maintenance of the ball fields and open space. Environmental best practices should be forwarded to the Township Committee which the township should follow. Steve Foster volunteered to investigate the potential hazardous impacts of herbicides and then follow-up with “green” recommendations. The Chair will follow up with the Mayor as to when Buildings & Grounds Department plans on spraying the fields.

F. Other Business:

- 1. Corrected letter to Kerry Miller, ANJEC regarding the Conservation Easement Stewardship Proposal. *Madam Chair announced that this letter was corrected and forwarded to ANJEC. Mr. Foster received permission to contact Dr. Souza to see if there is anything else that ANJEC might need. If Dr. Souza feels the EC should contact ANJEC directly then someone will reach out for follow-up information.***
- 2. Day Care – *Cheryl Filler informed everyone of her visit to the new day care that is under construction. The “natural” playground does not consist of any plastic. It is all natural products. They have no reported accidents. There are no reported problems with the children. There are water courses that the children can run through and a child’s garden to name of few.***
- 3. Green by Design: *Mr. Foster attended the meeting on March 30th at***

the Geraldine Dodge Foundation in Morristown. Mr. Foster described the building that featured a biowall and sustainable-grown recycled materials. The discussion involved how towns can foster green buildings, designs and radiant heat.

4. **Earth Day** – *Mr. Foster informed everyone that on April 25th the County is holding its annual Earth Day celebration located at Deer Path Park. Mr. Foster does intend to participate. The function begins @9:00 a.m. and concludes at 1:00 p.m. He requested that if anyone is interested they are welcome to attend.*
5. **New Jersey Department of Transportation** – *Mr. Foster stated that Enhancement Grants are being offered for bike and walk paths. This information was forwarded to Mayor Allen for her review.*

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

- 1 **Tom Jr. Properties**
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 36, Lot 7
1 Railroad Lane *Noted*
2. **Ridge Road Realty, LLC**
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 38, Lots 54, 74, 75
Pearl Street
Action date: June 12, 2009

Jim Hutzelmann prepared a memo on behalf of the Environmental Commission. Jackie Oliphant made a motion to approve the memo and to forward same to the Board of Adjustment. Christina Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Jim Hutzelmann stated that they identify wetlands on the site that will have a 150 foot buffer. They delineate a swale that is identified as an ordinary resource value. If it is a natural tributary that they are identifying as a swale, it minimizes the amount of protection that would be required. In their review, it appears that the swale is contiguous to the wetlands. The field study was performed in December 08'. It appears that there is snow on the ground making the findings obscured and not complete. It was determined that comments would be held right now. The Chair will contact Dr. Souza to obtain his comments.

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

1. **Clyde H. Allison
Block 76, Lot 2.03
Preliminary and final subdivision
Action Date: May 9, 2009**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

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

Mr. Hutzelmann was concerned that neither John Hansen nor Steve Souza recommended in their professional reports the suggestion to employ low impact development and non structural measures. Mr. Foster suggested that a meeting should take place with the board's professionals to discuss implementing these types of measures when they create their reports.

2. **Winfield Management Corp.
Preliminary-Final Site Plan &
Use Variance *No comment***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

1. **Omnipoint
Block 96, Lot 2
806 Route 202 North
Variance
Action date: April 25, 2009**

H. Educational Opportunities

1. **ANJEC “Green by Design” Monday, March 30, 2009**
2. **ANJEC “40th Anniversary Celebration” May 3, 2009 – *If anyone is interested in attending, please let the secretary know.***

I. Publications

None

**J. Minutes
Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

K. Soil Conservation Reports

1. HCSCD regarding Hunterdon Christian Church, B. 94, L. 12.03
“Letter of Recertification” *Noted*
2. HCSCD regarding Renaissance @ Readington, B. 36, L. 49 “Failure
to Notify” *Noted*
3. HCSCD regarding Matonis Dwelling B. 60, 16.02 “Letter of
Certification” *Noted*
- 4, HCSCD regarding B. 55, L. 7.05 “Nearing completion” *Noted*
5. HCSCD regarding B. 55, L. 706 “Nearing completion” *Noted*

L. Public Comment

M. Adjournment

*Motion by Christina Albrecht to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Jim
Hutzemann. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none
recorded.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Oliphant