

Harrison Township AD-HOC Pond Committee
114 Bridgeton Pike
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Meeting:

The Harrison Township Ad-Hoc Pond Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on April 26, 2010, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Jeff Summerton being in the chair.

Present: Jeff Summerton, Leslie McGeoch, Philip Grous, Vince Gangemi, Sr., Jim Woods, Jim Salvino, Don Heim, Lee Coles

Absent: Luke Oman

Public Attendance:

None

New Business:

Chairman Summerton has adopted the Friends' rules of business procedure for the Pond Committee.

Chairman Summerton wanted us to know his credentials. He has been the clerk for the Mullica Hill Friends meetings for the past 15 years. He has attended approximately 175 meetings during his tenure. At any time, anyone should be able to step into the chairman position.

The meeting at 10:00am this morning with 3 members from McCormick and Taylor and 2 from the NJDOT was very successful. The Committee was briefed on the Route 322 bridge and dam reconstruction project which will begin October 2011 and end approximately October 2012. Everyone was very accommodating and the group listened to what the Pond Committee had to say. The NJDOT agreed on the south side of the dam to construct a sidewalk which would also include lighting. The Historical Preservation Commission requested to have the bridge look historic (not a standard bridge).

At the next HPC meeting, (second **Thursday, May 13th at 7:00pm**) the Commission will have to choose a treatment to use for the bridge. At the May 17th Township Committee meeting, Don Heim would like to present to the Committee for final approval.

Chairman Summerton requests the members of the Pond Committee to attend the HPC meeting to vote on the type of lighting, structure, and type of stone to be used.

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Chairman Summerton advised the Pond Committee to review the choices and if you are not available to attend the May 13th meeting, to please email the Chairman with your choices.

Ms. McGeoch suggested the Township seal be stamped on the bridge. NJDOT mentioned they would need a staging area. We should advise the NJDOT what area to use for staging so if trees are needed to be cleared, NJDOT would have the expense of removing.

Ms. McGeoch advised before trees are removed need to verify with Stewart Trust and Greenacres.

Mr. Coles will gather additional information on dredging of the pond.

Mr. Grous responded if dredging the pond would increase the depth of the water, this would greatly increase the volume of water in the pond. If the flow of water into the pond remains the same, it would have an unknown effect on the algae. The better way to control the algae would be to alter the balance of the fish species in the pond to control the species that promote algae growth.

Mr. Woods to contact Carole Rieck to ask for help in submitting grants.

Homework – Plans and ideas on developing area. Carole Rieck is a great resource. She advised if we can give her specific plans, she will try to make it happen in terms of filing for grants or requesting service from the public works.

Pond Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 15th, 8:00am.

Mr. Woods spoke to Carol Rieck and she advised all scouts are insured and they supply a certificate of insurance. Troop 26 is new in town. Mr. Gangemi will make a call to the Scout Master to see their availability.

Don Heim to contact Dennis Chambers from Public Works to inform of the cleanup day. Public Works would need to gather the trash that is collected.

Ms. McGeoch suggested having a signup sheet available at the Environmental Commission table during Harrison Township Day.

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Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting of the AD-HOC Pond Committee is May 24, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment:

There being no further business we adjourned at 8:55 pm.