

Harrison Township Ad Hoc Pond Committee
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Informal Meeting:

The Harrison Township Ad Hoc Pond Committee was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on June 28, 2010, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Jeff Summerton being in the chair.

Present: Jeff Summerton and Sam Zappala

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

Chairman Summerton received an email from Luke Oman advising he will have to resign from the Ad-hoc Pond Committee. We thank Mr. Oman for his past service and dedication.

Public Attendance:

Dennis Chambers, Public Works, Harrison Township

New Business:

Chairman Summerton has had communication with people from Green Acres. Robert Rodriguez, from Green Acres, doesn't see a problem with our clearing brush or cutting down some trees, or placing park benches, etc., assuming we are "unfunded park land." He suggested we review the rules and regulations of Green Acres, Pinelands, Wetlands, Soil Conservation and Flood hazard specifications in addition to the Stewart Trust.

Mr. Rodriguez also suggested that we check with NJ DOT to see if they already have some environmental impact study done for the bridge/dam project which we could use for guidance.

Chairman Summerton contacted Walter Marks, Environmental Project Manager, McCormick Taylor Inc. in reference to the impact study. Mr. Marks mentioned the following:

- “Block 58, Lot 1 – the pond itself (water) – 15.02 acres
- Block 58, Lot 2 – the parcel that forms the east side of the pond – 2 acres
- Block 73, Lot 3 – a parcel west of Lot 4 – unknown size (maybe an acre)
- Block 73, Lot 4 – the parcel that forms the west side of the pond – 2.92 acres

The Township obtained these parcels through the Stewart Trust. They are all held for passive recreational purposes; no active recreational facilities exist. No Green Acres

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(GA) funds were spent on these parcels, but they are GA encumbered since the Township received GA funds for Mary Walters Park (and Ella Harris Park?).

Our Categorical Exclusion (CE) study area included the portion of Block 58, Lot 2 within about 250 feet of the existing roadway. On this parcel, we documented the existence of an emergent freshwater wetland along the periphery of the pond; the wetland appeared to widen out further back (south) of our study area. We have soils, vegetation, and hydrology data to document the regulated wetland within our study area.

Except for the wetlands and the Green Acres encumbrance, we did not identify any other environmental issue related to that parcel in our study area.”

Chairman Summerton mentioned our solicitor Brian Duffield is better qualified to check on our legal concerns.

Mr. Dennis Chambers expressed the Public Works Department would do anything to help out.

Chairman Summerton is meeting with Carol Rieck, Don Heim and Dennis Chambers on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 @ 5:00pm, to discuss the above findings.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting of the AD-HOC Pond Committee is July 26, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment:

There being no further business we adjourned at 8:00 pm.