

Harrison Township Environmental Commission
114 Bridgeton Pike
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Phone: 856-478-4111
January 6, 2010
Minutes

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The regular meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 6, 2010, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Phil Grous being in the chair.

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read.

Pledge of Allegiance: (Remember the men and women protecting us in the armed forces)

Present: Philip Grous, Sam Zappala, Stan Hershey (left 9:00 pm), Kevin Riefenstahl, Luke Oman, Don Heim (arrived 8:00 pm)

Philip Grous read an email from Doris Brady stating that it was necessary for her to resign from the Harrison Township Environmental Commission since she was no longer a resident of Harrison Township.

Philip Grous received a phone call from Phil Rhudy stating he would have to resign from the Harrison Township Environmental Commission due to the pressures from his job and family responsibilities.

The Commission wishes to thank both departing members for sharing their concern for the environment and for their enthusiastic work.

This leaves the Commission with 5 members. Anyone interested in becoming a member is asked to contact the Township Administrator.

Guest Speaker:

None

Public Attendance:

Ms. Victoria Gaunt and Mr. Ed Toff, Sr., of Spicer Estates, addressed the Commission concerning the approval of the November 2009 regular meeting minutes of the Environmental Commission. A few others were also in the audience but did not address the Commission.

Minutes Approval:

The November 2009 minutes are being tabled until February 2010.

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A motion was made by Stan Hershey to approve the minutes from the December 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam Zappala and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications - Mail/Phone:

The letters sent to the Environmental Commission were reviewed by members in attendance. Philip Grous summarized the mail received since the last meeting.

The only communication received was from Doris Brady and Phil Rhudy which were mentioned above.

Site Plans:

Permanent Site Plan sub-committee, Philip Grous, Sam Zappala, Stan Hershey

No new site plans were received for review.

Public Information Projects:

1. Landfill – Ad-Hoc Committee – Don Heim will be meeting with an interested party next week and would need at least one other person for a viable organization.
2. CFL and eWaste disposal program – Put on hold
3. Recycle Bank – Stan Hershey – Contacted Mike Micklasavage and haven't heard from him as of this date.
4. Tree Planting Project – Sam Zappala – Further investigation of possible grants. Discussion to invite a horticultural person to a meeting.
5. Mullica Hill Pond Ad-Hoc Committee – At the January meeting, Jeff Summerton agreed to be the Chairman of the Pond Ad-Hoc Committee. Jim Woods will serve as Vice chairperson. Next meeting scheduled for February 22, at 7:30pm.
6. Bats - Kevin Riefnstahl – Article to be approved at the February meeting.
7. Disposal of Pharmaceuticals – Phil Grous – Article to be approved at the February meeting.
8. Harrison Township Day – Volunteers are still needed. Stan Hershey volunteered to get the supplies from Gloucester County Soil Conversation and other Gloucester County agencies.

Victoria Gaunt volunteered to be a coordinator for Harrison Township Day. Luke Oman and Stan Hershey will work together with Mrs. Gaunt. Philip Grous will contact Shoprite for the “green” bags.

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Unfinished Business:

There are a number of vacancies on the commission. Please use your personal contacts to see if anyone is interested. Stan Hershey asked if there is anyone to interview for the February meeting. Not at this time.

New Business:

Future projects to think about. What is our mission statement? Need to review the statute and see if we want to modify. The Commission is legally required to review site plans. Stan Hershey mentioned we are also required to do outreach projects.

Don Heim mentioned there are a number of projects in our township in which we should obtain the necessary information on the environmental impact. A couple of projects are the 322 bypass and the environmental cleanup that is in process across the street from the Harrison House.

Philip Grous mentioned a possible future article on the comparison of disinfectant ability of chemical vs. natural disinfectant.

Need to publish the legal notice for the dates of meetings for February 2010 to January 2011.

Reports from Committee Representative:

1. Planning Board – Nothing to report
2. Township Committee – Don Heim – The Commission needs to get more involved with the tangible aspects for Harrison Township. Mr. Heim thanked everyone for continuing into the New Year. Mr. Heim will continue to be the liaison for the Environmental Commission. If Mr. Heim is unable to attend, the alternate will be Bob Shrear. Mr. Heim will contact Joe Passara to see who the liaison will be for the planning board committee.

Public Comments:

No comments

Next Meeting: The next scheduled regular meeting of the Environmental Commission is February 3, 2010.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Luke Oman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sam Zappala; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.