

**Harrison Township Environmental Commission**  
**114 Bridgeton Pike**  
**Mullica Hill, NJ 08062**  
**Phone: 856-478-4111**  
**February 3, 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 February 3, 2010, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Philip 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, Kevin Riefenstahl, Luke Oman  
(arrived 7:35pm)

Absent: Don Heim

***Guest Speaker:***

Mr. Brian Horne, President, Stag's Leap Landfill Redevelopment Project, Mullica Hill, NJ. Mr. Horne was invited to this meeting to clarify certain issues relating to the SLRD Landfill.

The initial site remediation plan formulated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection called for a two-foot layer of fill material to cap the landfill. A geo-membrane liner, which will better stabilize the surface and prevent erosion, is being installed to augment the capping. This method, along with the compaction, terracing and retention basins, exceeds the standards of the original plan.

The status of several escrow accounts (Alternative Funds Standard Escrow Accounts) had been questioned. Mr. Horne stated that the initial requirements imposed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in 1991 on the establishment of these accounts were eventually determined not be a requirement. They were rescinded and he was instructed to cease making payments into them. Mr. Horne presented documentation from the NJ DEP officials confirming the above.

Mr. Horne proceeded to inform the Commission the NJDEP regulates the closure of the landfill. The NJDEP inspects the landfill monthly and he has not received any citations to date.

Mr. Horne commented if the Public has any concerns to please document the concerns in writing.

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Chairman Grous stated that the Environmental Commission is concerned with environmental issues, not business or economic issues. However, Mr. Horne was given this opportunity to enlighten us since a member of this Commission originally raised the issue.

Thank you, Mr. Horne, for your presence and comments.

***Public Attendance:***

Vince Gangemi, Sr. – no comments

***Minutes Approval:***

A motion was made by Kevin Riefenstahl to approve the minutes from the November 2009, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Luke Oman and the minutes were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Kevin Riefenstahl to approve the minutes from the January 2010, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Luke Oman and the minutes were unanimously approved.

***Communications - Mail/Phone/Email:***

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

**Mail:**

The following are dates and times of workshops available:

ANJEC – Community Energy Outreach Training - Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 7-9pm at the Cherry Hill Town Hall.

Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources – Monday, March 8, 2010, at Vineland Ramada Inn.

NJ Land Conservation Rally and Workshop - schedule on March 20, 2010, at Montclair State University at 9:00am.

**Email:**

Email received from Carole Rieck requesting any articles for the newsletter to be submitted by Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

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***Site Plans:***

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

No new site plans were received for review.

Block 45, Lot 16 – concerns on six units being built on the buffer area of the wetlands was voiced. The Commission addressed the Planning Board and the response from the Planning Board was it was necessary to build the project this way.

***Public Information Projects:***

1. Landfill – Ad-Hoc Committee – no report
2. Recycle Bank – Stan Hershey – As of this date, have not heard from Mike Micklasavage. Stan Hershey will call him directly.
3. Tree Planting Project – Sam Zappala – Waiting for response from Senator Robert Menendez on a request on information of any grants available.

Vince Gangemi, Sr., expressed he believes there are more trees now because of the development of homes. The homes were built on open farm land.

4. Mullica Hill Pond Ad-Hoc Committee – Next meeting scheduled for February 22, at 7:30pm.
5. Bats - Kevin Riefenstahl – Article to be approved at the March meeting.
6. Disposal of Pharmaceuticals – Philip Grous – Stan Hershey motioned to approve the article “Disposal of Unused Medicines” written by Chairman, Philip Grous and was seconded by Kevin Riefenstahl and the article was unanimously approved.
7. eWaste Disposal Program – Stan Hershey to investigate further.

***Unfinished Business:***

There are a number of vacancies on the Commission. Anyone interested in becoming a member is asked to contact the Township Administrator.

We reviewed the supplies already in possession for Harrison Township Day. Stan Hershey will contact a few more agencies to obtain additional supplies.

***New Business:***

Chairman Grous wrote the Annual Report for 2009 which was submitted to Township Committee.

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Stan Hershey expressed it is necessary to put a time limit on public comments during regular Environmental Commission meetings.

Luke Oman nominated Kevin Riefenstahl as a full member of the Environmental Commission. Stan Hershey seconded the nomination.

***Reports from Committee Representative:***

1. Planning Board – Stan Hersey informed the Commission that he was asked by the Chairman of the Planning Board, Mr. Joseph Pacera, if he would be interested filling the vacancy on the Planning Board that was created when Doris Brady left the Planning Board. Mr. Hershey is considering taking the position on a temporary basis.
2. Township Committee – Don Heim – no report submitted.

***Public Comments:***

No comments

***Next Meeting:***

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Environmental Commission is March 3, 2010.

***Adjournment:***

There being no further business, Luke Oman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Kevin Riefenstahl; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.