

Harrison Township Environmental Commission
114 Bridgeton Pike
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
Phone: 856-478-4111
March 3, 2010
Minutes

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The regular meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:32 p.m. on March 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, Don Heim

Guest Speaker:
None

Public Attendance:
Ms. Victoria Gaunt spoke to the Environmental Commission outlining the time period of May 2009 through December 2009. Ms. Gaunt will submit in writing her comments and complaints at the next Environmental Commission meeting.

Mr. Brian Horne, President, Stag's Leap Landfill Redevelopment Project, Mullica Hill, NJ. – no comments.

Minutes Approval:
A motion was made by Stan Hershey to approve the minutes from the February 2010, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Luke Oman and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications - Mail/Phone/Email/Other:
The letters sent to the Environmental Commission were reviewed by members in attendance. Philip Grous summarized the mail received since the last meeting.

Mail:
Gloucester County Nature Club - Scheduled for May 1, 2010.
ANJEC mailings – Conference on Smart Growth Planning Grants.
Land Conservation Rally – Saturday, March 20, 2010.

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Other:

A citizen had requested (under an Open Public Records Act - OPRA) all the tape recordings from May 2009 through December 2009 of the regular Environmental Commission meetings. The request was fulfilled.

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. Recycle Bank – Chairman Grous will pursue obtaining the ending date of the Township’s current recycling collection contract.
2. Tree Planting Project – Sam Zappala – Mr. Grous and Mr. Zappala had a meeting to discuss the project. Mr. Zappala contacted Jessica Franzini from the NJ Tree Foundation. Ms. Franzini responded by asking if Harrison Township has a five year Community Forestry Management Plan. Mr. Zappala will contact the Township for the answer. The Chairman asked Mr. Heim what we can do to involve other committees to volunteer for this project. Mr. Heim mentioned the Township Engineer, R &V, are able to write grants. Possibly an ad-hoc committee is needed to continue this project.
3. Bats - Kevin Riefenstahl – Draft of the article was released to Commission for comments and approval.

Unfinished Business:

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

The Chairman sent a request to Diane Malloy to add the following to the agenda for Township Committee approval. To reclassify Kevin Riefenstahl from Alternate 2 position to full member of the Commission.

Harrison Township Day – Stan Hershey contacted Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex for donations. Mr. Hershey discussed the possibility of having the “Water Shed Ambassador” display. Various games for kids and to offer prizes were discussed.

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New Business:

Mr. Heim mentioned that Mr. Summerton contacted the state in regards to the Dam Project and will hopefully be able to advise us at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked the Commission for any ideas for the Ad-hoc Pond Committee to pursue.

Reports from Committee Representative:

1. Planning Board – Vacant
2. Township Committee – Don Heim and Stan Hershey to schedule a visit to the landfill at the end of March 2010. The new county liaison will have answers on the environmental cleanup of Rios Market.

Public Comments:

Victoria Gaunt has volunteered her services for Harrison Township Day. Mr. Oman mentioned additional staffing is required for the afternoon. Mr. Oman will have the signup sheet for “manning” the tables at the next meeting. Ms. Gaunt returned the information she received from Doris Brady. Ms. Gaunt also contributed coloring books she had gathered.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Environmental Commission is April 7, 2010.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Kevin Riefenstahl made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Luke Oman; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.