

**Harrison Township Environmental Commission**  
**114 Bridgeton Pike**  
**Mullica Hill, NJ 08062**  
**Phone: 856-478-4111**  
**April 1, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Approval at the Environmental Commission meeting on May 6, 2009**

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Present: Phil Grous, Doris Brady, Luke Oman, Sam Zappala, Stan Hershey, Adrienne Roberto, Don Heim

The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, 2009, 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)

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Public Attendance:**

Phil Rhudy expressed interest in becoming a member of the Environmental Commission.

Chris Kinsley had questions about the recently published Harrison Township newsletter. The newsletter published Pamphlet 3 and referenced Pamphlet 1 and 2. Mr. Kinsley wanted to know where he could obtain Pamphlet 1 and 2. [Reply – Landfill Pamphlet I (LP I) was published in March, 2007 and LP II was published in August, 2008. Both were available in print format and also on the Harrison Township web site. LP I, II and III were printed as a Special Report for spring, 2009 and are also available on the web site.]

Pamphlet 3 states that every truck is inspected. Mr. Kinsley questioned if any trucks have been rejected. [For clarification, the field where the fill material is harvested is subdivided into a grid. The material in each grid segment is analyzed for contaminant levels. Only the material in acceptable grid segments is loaded into trucks for transport to the landfill site. Some truckloads have been rejected at the landfill site and are not accepted.

Pennoni Associates has the analytical data for all imported fill material. These reports are available to members of this Environmental Commission upon request.

Don Heim voiced that this Commission may not be able to adequately answer the questions raised. Mr. Heim is working on the getting the answers for Mr. Kinsley.

Mr. Kinsley also asked what will be done when the site is capped, sealed and approved. According the owner of the site, consultants will advise appropriate uses for the land and the Harrison Township Committee and Harrison Township Planning Board will have the final approval of the future use of the site.

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Mr. Bill Pennell asked about the depth of the layer of trash at the landfill. He is concerned about his wells. Mr. Pennell had Gloucester County test the area and Gloucester County did not find any issues. The Commission suggested to Mr. Pennell that he contact the NJ DEP or other independent laboratories for analysis if he feels uncomfortable with the results obtained by Gloucester County. Luke Oman commented on the soil topography in southern New Jersey.

Victoria Gaunt expressed her concerns about the landfill. She believes “dirt” has been removed from the landfill site. Ms. Gaunt read a letter dated March 12, 2009, written by Mr. Wienckoski, Jr., NJ DEP, Office of Brownfield Reuse to Mr. Brian Horne. [The Environmental Commission also received the letter and will follow-up.]

Don Heim believes no permission has been granted to remove anything from the landfill site. Mr. Heim will bring this issue to the Township Committee meeting. Mr. Heim will advise the Environmental Commission at the next meeting.

The Commission advised if anyone were to see “dirt” being removed from the site to call the Township Police Department.

**Minutes Approval:**

A motion was made (after corrections) by Doris Brady to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Hershey and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Communications - Mail/Phone:** The letters sent to the Environmental Commission were reviewed by members in attendance. Phil Grous summarized the many pieces of mail received since the last meeting.

- a.) GlobalCon 2009 – Phil Grous advised two passes are available for the Energy, Power and Facilities management conference; April 1-2.
- b.) Harrison Township Recreation Department – Form for registration for the Harrison Township Day parade.
- c.) Harrison Township Recreation Department – Soliciting ads for Harrison Day program - \$35
- d.) Notice of judgment against Harrison Township Committee and Harrison Township PB, concerning tree ordinance. Plaintiff shall not be required to replace trees.
- e.) Application for construction in a Flood Hazard/Wetland area.
- f.) Application for construction in a Flood Hazard/Wetland zone.
- g.) WaWa is applying for an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system.

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- h.) Suggestion from Environmental Commission member Sam Zappala. Roadside cleanup by public groups, have students survey local waterways (information and pictures), request additional information on Delaware River oil spill. Contact Mr. Zappala if anyone would like to help.
- i.) Letter of application for membership on the Harrison Township Environmental Commission from Phil Rhudy (with resume). The Commission had several questions for Mr. Rhudy and then voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Rhudy to Township Committee for membership on the Environmental Commission. Don Heim will add this to the agenda for the Township Committee to formally vote. There are still two alternate positions available. Mr. Rhudy will have a three year term expiring December 2011.
- j.) ANJEC Announcement of leadership training course for sustainable development, open space preservation. All members already received.
- k.) Letter of Interpretation for wetlands boundary (July 2004).
- l.) EIS and Fiscal statement for Site Plan application B 46.02 L5 (4 Kids Zone)
- m.) Copy of letter from NJDEP to SLRD Co (Landfill) – Inspection report citing deficiencies. This is an informational copy. Per the letter, DEP is asking for response to 4 issues.

**Site Plans:**

- Permanent Site Plan sub-committee, Doris Brady, Sam Zappala, and Adrienne Roberto met on March 31, 2009, with Phil Grous and reviewed 4 site plans:
- a.) Block 46 – Lot 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 4.01 (Tomlin Station Commerce Center) Previously reviewed, no Environmental Impact Statement, large trees remain, nice lighting fixtures, concern with retention pond outflow into Raccoon Creek.
  - b.) Block 24 – Lot 5 (Super WaWa) – No Environmental Impact Statement, large trees remain, nice lighting fixtures, no unfavorable issues.
  - c.) Block 46.02 – Lot 5 (4 Kids Zone) – No Environmental Impact Statement, included. Concern with retention pond outflow into Raccoon Creek.
  - d.) Block 40 – Lot 2 (Colonial Bank) – No Environmental Impact Statement, no unfavorable issues.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Harrison Township Day – Luke Oman, Adrienne Roberto and Doris Brady are members. The subcommittee had a few meetings. The subcommittee is working to obtain the following for distribution; seeds and environmental safe bags from Shoprite. The subcommittee will also have available landfill pamphlets 1, 2, & 3.

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Phil Grous and Doris Brady are working to locate a local contractor with information about solar energy.

**Public Information Projects:**

- a. Landfill public information was published in the recent issue of the Harrison Township Newsletter.
- b. Raindrops article – Adrienne Roberto published on Harrison Township website.
- c. Rachel Carson/Silent Spring by Phil Grous published on Harrison Township website.
- d. CFL’s by Luke Oman - Finished and will send in for the next newsletter.
- e. Disposal of Pharmaceuticals – Phil Grous continues researching.
- f. Disposal of Electronics – Phil Grous researching.

**Other Unfinished Business:**

Stan Hershey is the liaison for the landfill. The public has issues concerning truck loads of “dirt” leaving landfill and questions on the water safety. We can discuss and advocate for the public and follow-up the issues. Don Heim will bring the above concerns to the Township Committee. Mr. Heim will see if permission has been granted for soil and tree removal.

**New Business:**

None

**Reports from Committee Representative:**

- a. Township Committee – Don Heim – Letter sent to Brian Horne. Will advice after Township Committee meeting.
- b. Planning Board – Doris Brady - both meetings where cancelled.

**Public Comments:**

Chris Kinsley advised there was an article in New York Times in the past week concerning CFLs. Thank you for the information.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Environmental Commission is May 6, 2009.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Doris Brady made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Luke Oman; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.