

Harrison Township Environmental Commission
114 Bridgeton Pike
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
Phone: 856-478-4111
June 3, 2009
Minutes

Approved at the Environmental Commission Meeting on September 2, 2009

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The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 3, 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)

Present: Phil Grous, Doris Brady, Sam Zappala, Stan Hershey, Phil Rhudy, Don Heim

Phil Grous had attended a Township Committee meeting and a discussion for a new member for the Environmental Commission was discussed. The normal process is to invite the candidate to an Environmental Commission meeting, interview candidate, review resume, vote and then submit recommendation to the Township for approval.

Two alternate positions are available at this time.

Two Harrison Township residents are present this evening with an interest in joining the Environmental Commission. After much discussion, both candidates expressed genuine interest in protecting our environment.

A vote was taken for Victoria Gaunt for the alternate 1 position. The results were 3 yes; 1 abstention; 1 opposed.

A vote was taken for Kevin Riefenstahl for the alternate 2 position. The results were 5 unanimous - yes.

Phil Grous, on behalf of all the Commission members, will make a recommendation to the Township Committee to fill these vacant spots.

Guest Speaker: None

Public Attendance:

Chris Knisely was wondering if any further consideration for summer meetings has been discussed. The Commission feels a quorum would not be generated at a summer meeting. A special meeting is always available. Stan Hershey made a suggestion to review site plans and information on the recycle bank (when it becomes available) in July and August.

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A recommendation to meet every month for next year will be approached when scheduling our meetings for 2010.

Minutes Approval:

A motion was made by Doris Brady to approve the minutes (after revisions) from the May 6, 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. Phil Grous summarized the mail received since the last meeting.

1. NJAC membership has lapsed. Phil Grous will handle the necessary paper work to reinstate the membership. In the past, the Environmental Commission secretary would handle this renewal.

Site Plans:

Permanent Site Plan sub-committee, Doris Brady, Sam Zappala, and Adrienne Roberto –

1. Block 47; Lot 5.04 – 412 Swedesboro Road – These plans have been resubmitted with the following changes: 11,000 square feet decreased to 6,000 square feet. This change resulted in fewer parking spaces. This change would not have an environmental impact.
2. Bock 29; Lot 10 – The Reserve at Brookside – 24 houses are planned – No comment at this time. Need more time to review site plans.

Public Information Projects:

- a. Environmental Commission Shirt Order – Adrienne Roberto – no information at this time.
- b. Landfill – Ad-Hoc Committee – Don Heim is looking for five members who are interested in joining this committee. Possibly to meet quarterly and more if necessary. Meetings for July and September are possibilities.
- c. ANJEC workshop – Luke Oman – no information at this time.
- d. CFL and eWaste disposal program – Phil Rhudy – Researching programs through the internet. Mr. Rhudy will contact the state and county officials to discuss their disposal program. Mr. Rhudy will also contact a local electric company and electronic stores.
- e. Recycle Bank – Stan Hershey – Other townships are using recycle banks and he will contact them to discuss their program. Possibly to offer rewards, example movie tickets, dinner certificates, etc. Need to know the renewal contract date of the recycle company.

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- f. Tree Planting Project – Sam Zappala – Checking with New Jersey Tree Foundation. What would be the cost, equipment necessary, and the size of the trees (seedlings)?
- g. Mullica Hill Pond Ad-Hoc Committee – Phil Grous expressed interest.
- h. “To Bee or Not To Bee” - Vicky Gaunt to research.
- i. Bats – Kevin Riefenstahl to research.
- j. Disposal of Pharmaceuticals – Phil Grous – continuing to research.

Other Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Stan Hershey suggested meeting this summer to review site plans. Mr. Hershey also suggests having alternates for the site plan sub-committee. Three people are necessary to review the site plans. Phil Grous volunteered to be the first alternate and Stan Hershey volunteered to be the second alternate.

Reports from Committee Representative:

- a. Planning Board – Doris Brady – Wawa on 322 and Lambs Road received approval. There will be three entrances.
- b. Township Committee – Don Heim – The Ad Hoc Committee pond meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 7:00pm. Mr. Heim will issue email. Don Heim asking for volunteers for the Landfill Ad Hoc Committee – Stan Hershey and Victoria Gaunt volunteered. The Township will be meeting with the NJDEP at 9:00am June 12th – Stan Hershey and Don Heim are planning to attend.

Public Comments: No comments

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission is September 2, 2009. Unless a special meeting is necessary.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Doris Brady made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Stan Hershey; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.