

Present: Stan Hershey, Bob Manson, Doris Brady, Luke Oman, Jeff Summerton, Adrienne Roberto, David DiPietro, Sam Zappala, Jim Woods

The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 4, 2008, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, the Vice-Commissioner, Stan Hershey, being in the chair.

Public Attendance: No members of the public were in attendance, however, Jeff Summerton relayed a request to the Commission from Michael Canuso, one of the developers of the Richwood Town Center project. Mr. Canuso would like to keep our community residents fully informed of his development project and wondered if he could come to an Environmental Commission meeting to discuss his project and get the Commission's input. Bob Manson informed us that the Planning Board would be hearing an application for extensions on the preliminary approvals of this project at the June 5 meeting. This Commission decided that any presentations from Mr. Canuso should not take place until after the site plans are reviewed.

Stan Hershey will continue with arrangements to have an ANJEC representative present a seminar to our members on how to read site plans.

A motion was made by Bob Manson for approval of the May, 2008 minutes. Doris Brady seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

There were no site plans for review.

The second information pamphlet regarding the landfill closure was discussed. Doris Brady will finish the edits to the pamphlet so that the Commission can review it for final approval and submission to Township Committee.

Jim Woods reported on behalf the Township. He confirmed that the gypsy moth spraying was done throughout the Township in the early morning hours of May 1.

Bob Manson informed us that there was no Planning Board meeting in the 3rd week of May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. As mentioned earlier in these minutes, two extensions to the original preliminary approvals for the Richwood Town Center project are on the agenda.

Bob also reported that the Township Committee approved the 322 Bypass Route recommended by Pennoni Associates (Alternative C) by a 4-1 vote. This route had the least impact on the environment and will require the building of an aqueduct-type bridge over the affected wetlands.

Luke Oman discussed the Mullica Hill Pond project. Luke was asked by Rich Thomas to look into the possibility of habitating the pond with grass carp to eat the bad algae. Grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) are native to large river systems of eastern Asia from the Amur River on the Russian-Chinese border southward. They are sometimes called the white amur. In 1963 the US Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with Auburn University, first introduced grass carp to investigate its usefulness in aquatic vegetation management. No native North American species of fish is as strictly herbivorous as the grass carp. Therefore, there are no native species available for aquatic vegetation management. (This information on the grass carp was taken from the Southern Regional Aquaculture Center publication # 3600, July 2002).

Adrienne Roberto is going to do some final edits on her rainwater article. The Commission will vote at our next meeting to endorse the article for submission to the Township Committee for its approval prior to the Commission making it available to the public.

There being no further business, Doris Brady made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Luke Oman; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.