

Present: Phil Grous; Stan Hershey, Jim Woods, Doris Brady, Luke Oman, Jeff Summerton, Adrienne Roberto, David DiPietro, Sam Zappala

The special summer meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 29, 2008, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Phil Grous being in the chair.

All the EC members were happy to have Phil Grous back after he was a little under the weather. Phil looks great and he was glad to be back with us too.

**Public Attendance:** There was one member of the public in attendance, Carol Milazzo, of Franklinville, New Jersey, who was interested in the instructional workshop presented by ANJEC on the reading of site plans.

**Informational Project – “Catch the Raindrops” by Adrienne Roberto:** The Commission members gave a final review to Adrienne Roberto’s rainwater article. A motion was made by Doris Brady to approve the article and have it submitted to the Township Committee for their review. The motion was seconded by Phil Grous and unanimously approved. Jim Woods will present the article to the Township Committee. The EC members will begin looking for places to have the article posted or printed, i.e. The Gloucester County Times, a link on the Harrison Township website, etc.

**Minutes Approval:** A motion was made by Jim Woods to approve the June 4, 2008 minutes. The motion was seconded by Doris Brady and there was a unanimous vote in favor of approval.

**Site Plan and Subdivision Review Workshop:** ANJEC representatives, Cheryl Reardon and Patti Burns, presented an interesting and informative workshop on site plan and subdivision review and the assessment of environmental impacts. Cheryl and Patti provided background on the Municipal Land Use Law which delegates primary responsibility to New Jersey municipalities for how its land will be used.

The topics covered in the workshop included:

- o The three-step planning process for land use;
- o The aspects of an environmental review of site plans and subdivisions;
- o How a projects moves through the conceptual stages to final approval;
- o Symbols used on site plans for contour lines, drainage systems, etc.;
- o Sources of information for research and tools to support the site plan review;
- o Site plan analysis;
- o Stormwater issues;
- o On-site visits and recognition and evaluation of impacts;

- o Off-site recognition and evaluation of impacts
- o Written reports
- o Cautions for Site Plan Review
- o Land use approvals

It is essential for the Environmental Commission to keep abreast of any conceptual reviews before the Planning Board. This allows the EC to comment on potential impacts in a project during the early stages when the developer may be more willing to make changes.

The Commission would like to thank Cheryl and Patti for their excellent presentation.

**Site Plan Review:** One site plan was reviewed – The Reserve at Brookside; Lots 4 and 10, Block 29, 63 acres. The review of this plan was done with guidance and instructional commentary from Patti based upon her expertise. An Environmental Resource Impact statement was submitted and reviewed in conjunction with this residential subdivision plan. No negative impact was seen by the Commission.

There being no further business, Phil Grous made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Doris Brady; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.