

**Harrison Township Environmental Commission**  
**114 Bridgeton Pike**  
**Mullica Hill, NJ 08062**  
**Phone: 856-478-4111**  
**September 2, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Approved at the Environmental Commission Meeting on October 7, 2009**

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The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:31 p.m. on September 2, 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 (left at 9:30pm), Phil Rhudy, Vicky Gaunt, Kevin Riefenstahl, Luke Oman, Don Heim arrived at 7:40pm.

Absent: Adrienne Roberto

***Guest Speaker:***

None

***Public Attendance:***

Vince Gangemi, Sr., no comments

***Minutes Approval:***

A motion was made by Doris Brady to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Phil Rhudy and the minutes were unanimously approved.

***Communications - Mail/Phone:***

Letters sent to the Environmental Commission were reviewed by members in attendance. Phil Grous summarized the mail received since the last meeting.

1. Engineering Design Associates, Ocean View, NJ – Applying for General permits authorization (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in wetlands and adjacent transition areas.)
2. Maser Consulting P.A., Logan Township, NJ – Applying for permits to build in freshwater wetlands – MC Project No 07000608G – dated June 12, 2009.
3. Fralinger Engineering, Bridgeton, NJ - William Wilt Soccer Complex – Proposed concession stand – dated July 7, 2009.
4. Paparone Housing, 111 Millstone Way, Block 21, Lot 1, Elk Township - General Permit authorization (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development in wetlands and adjacent transition areas).

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Cutting or clearing of trees and/or other vegetation. Applicant is proposing to modify two existing stormwater basins by relocating outfalls within the freshwater wetlands buffer.

***Site Plans:***

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

No sites plans were received to review. Phil Grous to be an alternate if the above committee can not all meet.

***Public Information Projects:***

- a. Environmental Commission Shirt Order – Adrienne Roberto – No information at this time.
- b. Landfill – Ad-Hoc Committee – Don Heim – Vicky Gaunt and Stan Hershey to be formally appointed to the Ad-Hoc committee at the next Township meeting. Stan Hershey went to the landfill site in June. Two letters were written by the NJDEP asking a total of seven questions that need a response by the end of September 2009.
- c. NJEC workshop – Luke Oman – \$220 for two workshops – possibly during a future meeting – Options are: Municipal Actions, Open Space and Stewardship, and Gorilla Marketing.
- d. CFL and e-waste disposal program – Phil Rhudy – Currently Harrison Township does not offer an e-waste program for residents. E-waste disposal must be taken to the County landfill in South Harrison Township. Recommendation to coordinate an e-waste collection service with the County. Phil Rhudy will contact the County solid waste complex and review possibilities.
- e. Recycle Bank – Stan Hershey – March 2008 a presentation was completed by Recycle Bank of Philadelphia. Recycle Bank will conduct another presentation when the current recycling contract is close to expiration.
- f. Tree Planting Project – Sam Zappala – Spring/fall is a good time to plant. Cost of a tree with 2” diameter - \$150. Funding is an issue. Doris Brady talked to the Planning Board and the board suggested we submit a proposal for consideration.
- g. Mullica Hill Pond Ad-Hoc Committee – Don Heim – Reorganization meeting - seven people in attendance. Next meeting end of September or beginning of October. New business – applying for \$700,000 grant to put in walking trails around the pond.

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- h. "To Bee or Not To Bee" - Vicky Gaunt prepared an article about the Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). CCD is the enormous bee die off of honeybees happening in various parts of the world. What is the total losses world wide? Additional information will be complied.
- i. Bats – Kevin Riefenstahl - White Nose Syndrome – A fungus that is growing on bats. How is it spread? During hibernation the bats have a low body temperature. The fungus recently was introduced into caves. 400,000 bats have been lost to-date from the White Nose Syndrome. What can we do to slow the syndrome. Possibly to close or manage caves until the scientists have a chance to investigate the cause. What can Harrison Twp residents do to help? Research still being complied.
- j. Disposal of Pharmaceuticals – Phil Grous – Article is almost complete. Disposal of medicine would be to use a plastic container, fill with pills, add liquid detergent and dirt, then dispose through trash pickup.

***Other Unfinished Business:***

None

***New Business:***

Gloucester County Hazard waste on Monroeville Road, South Harrison, New Jersey has the following dates for disposal - September 12 and October 10. Clayton is offering October 17<sup>th</sup> for disposal of products.

Harrison Township Day will be here before we know. Begin discussions for this important day.

***Reports from Committee Representative:***

- a. Planning Board – Doris Brady
  - 1. Final WaWa approval - Block 62.
  - 2. Continuing Care Retirement Center – Proposing 133 cottages, 200 individual living facilities, 150 assisted living facilities.
  - 3. H&H Investments (Law Office) Block 47 Lot 5.04.
- b. Township Committee – Don Heim
  - 1 Harrison Twp Middle School – Removed diseased trees and agreed to replant. What is our recommendation for the type of trees to be planted?

***Public Comments:***

No comments

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***Next Meeting:***

The next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission is October 7, 2009.

***Adjournment:*** There being no further business, Luke Oman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Doris Brady; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.