

**Harrison Township Environmental Commission**  
**114 Bridgeton Pike**  
**Mullica Hill, NJ 08062**  
**Phone: 856-478-4111**  
**October 7, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Approved at the Environmental Commission meeting on November 4, 2009.**

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The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm on October 7, 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, Vicky Gaunt, Kevin Riefenstahl, Don Heim, Luke Oman

Absent: Adrienne Roberto

***Guest Speaker:***

None

***Public Attendance:***

None

***Minutes Approval:***

A motion was made by Doris Brady to approve the minutes from the September 2, 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. NJ Legislative District mailer talking about buying open space.
2. Shoprite sent information on "Shoprite Earth." This flyer was regarding communities and businesses to work together to help the environment.
3. Paparone Housing submitted a permit to work in wetlands and cutting of trees. No site plan submitted at this time to review. Block 21 Lot 1, 111 Millstone Way – Elk Twp.
4. ANJEC sent information on wastefulness of bottled water.
5. Campaign Too Save America's Wolves is soliciting for donations to pursue endangered species.

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***Site Plans:***

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

No site plans were received to review.

***Public Information Projects:***

- a. Environmental Commission Shirt Order. Phil Grous compiled a list of sizes and will place the order.
- b. Landfill – Ad-Hoc Committee – Don Heim – Advertising for additional members. Looking to merge a few Ad-Hoc committees together. Stan Hershey invited Mr. Brian Horne to attend this evening’s meeting. Mr. Horne stated he wasn’t available for tonight but would be able to attend November’s meeting.
- c. NJEC workshop – Luke Oman – Spoke to ANJEC and is looking for speakers for November for a two hour workshop.
- d. CFL and e-waste disposal program – Phil Rhudy contacted a few towns with the following results. Some towns use “Thanks for being Green.” Some townships collect once a month to pick up computer monitors, printers, and electronics. You can also bring light bulbs to Home Depot to be recycled. By not offering options to township residents discourages proper disposal. Best Buy has advertised recycling of TV’s, computers, and DVD’s. Cost is \$10 but Best Buy will give you a \$10 gift card. Beginning, January 1, 2011, everyone in the state will be required to recycle electronics. Will continue to compile information.
- e. Recycle Bank – Stan Hershey – Will be discussed further when the current recycling contract expires. We will further investigate the beginning of next year (2010).
- f. Native Plants & Your Habitat - Stan Hershey provided the Commission with an information pamphlet on Native Plants & Your Habitat. Exotic plants effects wildlife, soil, landscape, and hydrologic. “At the bottom of the food web, native plants far outperform exotic plants that have characterized wildlife landscaping for much of the past century. Native species also provide excellent cover for wildlife, require no fertilization and once established, do not require watering.” Possibly pass this information onto the Planning Board. Doris Brady mentioned the Planning Board may already be aware.
- g. Tree Planting Project – Sam Zappala has spoken to Robert Dammingier, Gloucester County Freeholder Deputy Director, about purchasing trees for open space. Discussions are still on going. Pine trees need to be investigated and gather additional information.

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- h. Mullica Hill Pond Ad-Hoc Committee – Don Heim – Next meeting scheduled for October 12, 2009.
  - i. “To Bee or Not To Bee” - Vicky Gaunt - Article on the Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). CCD is the enormous bee die off of honeybees happening in various parts of the world. Additional information is being compiled to complete the article. Looking to approve article in November for release.
  - j. Bats – Kevin Riefenstahl - White Nose Syndrome – A fungus that is growing on bats. Draft of article is complete and will email to all members for review and comments.
  - k. Disposal of Pharmaceuticals – Phil Grous – Article is complete and will send to the members via email. Please respond via email with any comments. Looking to be approved by the end of the year. Main topic is security steps for disposal.

***Other Unfinished Business:***

None

***New Business:***

Need Harrison Township Day sub-committee volunteers. Vicky Gaunt volunteered for Harrison Township Day and would like to have representatives from Solar, Wind, and Geothermal organizations to demonstrate their products. The representatives would need at least a three month advance notice in order to attend Harrison Township Day.

Geothermal heating and cooling can be a possible future project.

***Reports from Committee Representative:***

- a. Planning Board – Doris Brady - Not a lot of movement due to economy. Planning board looking into sign ordinance and property maintenance.
- b. Township Committee – Don Heim – Need to know whose term will be expiring and if they want to be reappointed for the Environmental Commission. The County is working on the 332 bypass and found an underground storage unit at Rios Farm Market. Possibility to look into having a liaison with the County.

***Public Comments:***

No comments

***Next Meeting:***

The next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission is November 4, 2009. Luke Oman to chair meeting.

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***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 9:55 pm.