

Harrison Township Environmental Commission
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Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2008

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

The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 1, 2008, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Phil Grous being in the chair.

Environmental Commission Representative to the Planning Board: Doris Brady and Adrienne Roberto both expressed interest in filling this position. Both will be recommended to Mayor Manzo by Phil Grous.

Public Attendance: Victoria Gaunt, 485 Woodruff Trail. Ms. Gaunt expressed concern about the landfill revitalization project and what she indicated was a smell coming from the landfill. Ms. Gaunt claims she was advised by NJDEP representatives that dredge materials were being used at the landfill but did not know specifically who gave her this information. She provided names of individuals she believes she spoke to at NJDEP although one person she named actually works for the County. None of the fill material reports received by this Commission reflect dredge material is being used and the landfill owner has previously stated that no dredge material is being used. An EC member will contact the NJDEP as to this information Ms. Gaunt claims to have received from them.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Doris Brady to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Hershey and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Harrison Township Day – The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet later this month. The members are Adrienne Roberto, Dave DiPietro and Phil Grous.
2. The Budget Subcommittee will present the proposed 2009 budget at the November meeting.
3. The Site Plan Subcommittee will meet this month for site plan reviews.

Public Information Projects:

1. Articles for Township Newsletter: Phil Grous will contact the Township Administrator regarding edits to articles submitted by EC members for

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- publication in the Township newsletter. Phil will request that the author of the article be given the opportunity to okay the edited version prior to printing. The members of this Commission who have authored articles are willing to edit their own articles if they are given the specifics as to the space available.
2. CFL Article: The Commission will submit Luke Oman's CFL article for posting to the Winter, 2009 issue of the Township newsletter.
 3. Landfill pamphlets I and II were approved by the Township Committee. The Mayor would like copies of the pamphlets mailed to all households in the Township. The Commission is investigating the most cost effective method of mailing.
 4. A discussion took place regarding another potential method for disseminating information to the public. Many events are conducted at the 4-H Fairgrounds throughout the year. A suggestion was made that the EC set up an information booth at these events for a few hours during the day. Some additional research will be done on this topic.

Reports from Committee Representatives:

1. Jim Woods reported for the Township Committee. Jim advised that the hours of operation at the Harris landfill reclamation project will be discussed at the October 7 Township Committee meeting.

Mail: No mail was reviewed.

New Business:

1. Henry Harris Landfill – Phil Grous and Stan Hershey met with the landfill owner in mid-September. Our members were given more information on the general protocol for the acquisition and emplacement of fill material for the landfill and the safeguards in place to monitor those materials. The next landfill pamphlet will contain information on this subject. Another area covered was groundwater monitoring wells (GWMs). There are three existing GWMs within the boundary of the landfill site and 2 GWMs outside the boundary. Eight more temporary GWMs are proposed around the downslope side of the site.

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Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Environmental Commission is November 5, 2008.

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 10:30 p.m.