

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris

**Statement of Adequate Notice**

Chairman Largman issued the following statement:

"I hereby announce and state that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by the Secretary of the Environmental Commission by preparing a notice dated September 2, 2008, specifying the time, date and place of this meeting; posting such notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building; filing said notice with the Clerk of the Township of Morris; forwarding the notice to the Morris County Daily Record and The Morris News Bee, and forwarding, by mail, the said notice to all persons on the request list, and I hereby hand a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the Environmental Commission for inclusion in the minutes of this meeting, all of the above actions being in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10"4-6, Et. Seq., Open Public Meeting Act."

**Attendance**

**Members Present**

Theodore Largman, Chairperson  
Franz Vintschger  
Robert L. Wallace  
Dominick LaRosa

**Members Absent**

David Stasse  
Louise Jensen  
Matthew Byrne  
Lawrence Vitale

**Also Present**

Sonia Santiago, Secretary  
James R. Slate, Township Engineer  
Ron Goldberg, 4 ½ Hilltop Circle

**Also Absent**

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the July 8, 2008 meeting were approved as circulated and placed on file in the office of the Environmental Commission.

**New applications referred from the Planning Board:**

- A. PB-15-08, Mark & Suzanne Beston, Block 2702, Lot 6, 490 Sussex Avenue.  
A minor subdivision to create one additional buildable lot. No action required by the Environmental Commission.

- B. PB-16-08, Alfeiri Patriot Plaza, 60 Columbia Road. Reconfigure and expand the existing Plaza. A memo is to be issued to the Board regarding storm water management and water quality. If over flow parking is to be constructed the applicant is to provide water quality improvements and stormwater management.

### **New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment**

No applications to be reviewed.

### **Correspondence**

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 7-15-08, Letter from Christopher Coleman
- B. 7-15-08, Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission
- C. 7-22-08, Professional Ground Water and Environmental Engineering Services
- D. 7-25-08, Rutgers Brochure
- E. 7-29-08, Application for LOI, Joseph Prestifilippo, Block 3703, Lot 6&7, 22-24 Indian Head Road

### **General Business**

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Mr. Largman stated that no meetings were held during the summer months. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

Geese Management – None to be heard.

Deer – None to be heard.

### **Other Matters**

How can we improve recycling – Mr. Largman informed the committee that he had received a letter on what the Town of Summit was doing regarding recycling plastic containers, toys, used clothing and shoes.

Tom Eschmann, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Public Works stated that at this time we do plastics labeled 1 and 2 and we will bring it to the Mine Hill recycling center which is not as costly to the Township. Hopefully in the future we might be able to do plastic three through seven. When we do recycling there is a cost to bring it to the different recycling centers. We also have to look if the cost is minimal or none at all to the Town to haul this recycling. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding recycling materials and the implementation of different programs in the Town and the procedure for approval of these programs. Mr. Eschmann also stated that the new light bulbs are a hazardous waste and we don't have the capability or storage to collect them. Home Depot is collecting fluorescent bulbs and the County collects all other bulbs. Mr. Eschmann informed the committee that if they had any suggestions or comments to feel free to contact the department by phone or e-mail.

Jim Stoia, Superintendent for the Department of Public Works stated that the department of public works has limited of manpower to implement programs. Mr. Stoia also stated that they were also looking into a

shredding program but that it was costly to the department because that meant that they would have to bring men to work on Saturday's.

The Committee suggested to the Department of Public Works that an article regarding recycling should be placed in the newsletter for public information.

Tree Ordinance – Mr. Slate stated that his office was in the process of updating the tree ordinance and that they had put together a comparison table with the other Town's tree ordinances. We are looking into removing the homestead lot exemption. Any one who would like to remove a tree from their property will be required to obtain a tree removal permit. We will have some language in the ordinance that allows you to do some maintenance on your property. There will be an exception for routine maintenance on golf courses, we would like to add cemeteries that they be allowed to do tree removal without replacement. We would like to have some feed back from the Committee regarding this particular issue. We would like to also add some language to the ordinance regarding maintaining some type of buffer along your property line. A discussion was carried regarding the tree ordinance in other towns and the revision of the Township tree ordinance. We will also have in the ordinance language that in the event that a tree cannot be planted on site a contribution is to be made to the Township for planting trees somewhere else in town. Mr. Slate informed the committee that if anyone has any comments or any suggestions to email them to him.

Western Avenue Reservoir – Mr. Slate stated he will email the Mr. Souza proposal to Louise Jensen.

Projected Calendar for 2009 – Sonia distributed the projected calendar for 2009 and stated that she had reviewed the calendar along with Mr. Slate and had looked at all the holidays but, would like to have the commission's input prior to submission to the administration office for publication. E-mail Sonia any comments or suggestions.

Public Commentary – None to be heard.

Commentary by Committee Members - None to be heard.

With no further business for consideration by the Township of Morris Environmental Commission, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary  
Township of Morris Environmental Commission