

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 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 5, 2007, 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

John Storey
Lawrence Vitale
Barbara Gardner
Louise Jensen
Robert L. Wallace
Franz Vintschger
Dominick LaRosa

Members Absent

David Stasse
Theodore Largman, Chairperson

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary

Also Absent

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator
James R. Slate, Township Engineer

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting were approved as amended and placed on file in the office of the Environmental Commission.

New applications referred from the Planning Board:

- A. PB-16-06, Atlantic Health System, Block 7003, Lot 16, 475 South Street, OL-40 zone. Applicant proposes placement of three gazebos and a generator. No action required by the Environmental Commission.

- B. PB-11-07, Ryan Automotive-Open Road Mazda, Block 10201, Lot 19, 108 Ridgedale Avenue. Applicant proposes a new car dealership. Memo to be issued from the Environmental Commission recommending applicant to increase the buffer landscaping along the Ridgedale Avenue and the parking lot in front of the building. Sign ordinance to be reinforced and request that the applicant install a type of device to remove additional sediment, oil and floatables to improve water quality in the area.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment

- A. None to be heard.

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 7-10-07, Newspaper clipping from the Daily Record regarding Anguish over Florham Park tree cutting.
- B. 7-10-07, Newspaper clipping from the Star Ledger regarding Plant lovers attempt to stop sales of invasives.
- C. 7-11-07, Memo to the Planning Board, regarding the re-examination report.
- D. 7-12-07, Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Shively, 5 Old Glen Road, newspaper clipping regarding trees
- E. 7-24-07, Letter from Mr. & Mrs. DeSimone, 5 Beechwood Drive, regarding Kelcey & Edwards's property tree clearance.
- F. 7-24-07, The New Jersey Environmental Primer 2007.
- G. 8-03-07, National Mid-Year Conference on Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning, Implementing Healthy Homes Programs and Combating Indoor Environmental Hazards.
- H. 8-27-07, ANJEC 2007 Annual Environmental Congress

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Louise informed the Committee that the Whippany Water River will conduct a hike on Saturday, October 13, 2007 starting from Speedwell Lake into Hanover, Central Park. The fall workshop has been canceled until the Spring of 2008 the workshop is to train volunteer monitors for looking at specific locations in the Whippany where they will be taking total maximum daily load measurements. These are areas where we are seeing high fecal counts. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2007 the speaker will be Kurt Barrett from the Passaic River Institute he will be speaking on the work he did on the Speedwell and the sedimentation that does affect the Township.

Geese Management – John stated that he had wrote an email to Samantha Roffman, Morristown Environmental Committee member to get together to discuss geese matters. Ms. Roffman agreed to meet with Mr. Storey to discuss the geese matter. Date not yet scheduled. The email was read into the record. Mr. DeRosa informed John that he had read an article about a new food for geese that cause the egg shell to thin and avoid reproduction. John stated we are still talking to our neighboring towns in working together.

Deer – Hunting season started Saturday, September 8, 2007 and goes through until February. The weather is still warm and the deer's are not moving. Mr. Storey informed the Committee that the only hunting allowed in the Township is deer hunting no turkey hunting is allowed. We will keep you posted on any updates.

Reports

Barbara shared with the Committee an article in the Star Ledger regarding Adam Gardner who owns Reverb a non profit company educating young adults attending the rock concerts about the Environment. He also assists other national bands to become more environmentally aware and to use bio diesel fuel for their buses.

Other Matters

Tree Ordinance – Louise reviewed the tree ordinance of the Township with the Committee and also shared Harding Township tree ordinance. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding the Township tree ordinance and ways it can be implemented and making the public aware of the ordinance. What we would like to do is stop people from cutting trees down. Louise is to follow up with Jim and asked him if the Tree Ordinance has been updated. This tree ordinance is tabled to the next meeting.

Public Commentary – None to be heard

Commentary by Committee Members

Sonia informed the committee that Mr. Steve Egets will be at the November meeting to talk about green buildings. The committee would like to have Mr. Steve Souza for a future meeting to talk about reservoir updates. Louise Jensen is to do a plant discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Storey informed the Committee that he had met with Ms. Christine Markussen who was at the last meeting and was concerned about the water connection up to Indianhead. We walked the area with Jim Slate and we left it that Jim will have it marked out before they cut the trees.

Concerns from members of the Committee what is the status of the proposal of the 10 Towns donating a large amount of money for the Loanaka Brook restoration. What is the Town doing to create a wetland adjacent to the woodland plant to help with the water quality control? The Committee would like to have an update on this information at the next meeting.

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