

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 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 March 2, 2009, 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
David Stasse
Robert L. Wallace
Franz Vintschger
Penelope Wise
Dominick LaRosa

Members Absent

Lawrence Vitale
Thomas Humbert

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 January 13, 2009 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-01-09, Morris County Golf Club, Block 9101, Lots 2 & 3, 36 Punch Bowl Road, OS-GU zone. Applicant proposes construction of new swimming pool, two pool houses and other related improvements. A memo is to be issued to the Planning Board recommending the applicant limit the amount of steep slopes disturbance on the site, provide the required number of replacement trees in accordance with the ordinance requirements and to provide storm water management which meets or exceeds the necessary amount of water quality, quantity and groundwater recharge.

B. PB-02-09, Colgate Palmolive, Block 10401, Lot 3, 191 East Hanover Avenue, I-21 zone. Applicant proposes to construct an accessory structure. A memo is to be issued to the Planning Board recommending the applicant to provide storm water management which meets or exceeds the necessary amount of water quality and quantity and also to provide a maintenance program to ensure proper maintenance of proposed facilities.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment – No applications to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 1-16-09, ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Planning Assistance Grants
- B. 1-26-09, Letter from Hatch Mott MacDonald regarding TWA permit for Butterworth Interceptor Upgrade
- C. 2-2-09, Joel Meer application for LOI
- D. 2-10-09, Ground Water Protection Committee
- E. 2-18-09, Morris County Economic Development Seminar
- F. 3-6-09, Geese Peace Management Training

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – None to be reported.

Geese Management – None to be reported

Deer – Steven Summerer report summarized for the record by Ms. Sonia Santiago. The report states that the total amount of deer harvested for the 2008-2009 season were 178. Total females, 150 and total males were 28. Of the 150 females 14 were fawns (less than 1 year old that would not breed) leaving 136 mature females that would have been capable of having twin fawns for the spring, meaning that there would have been a total of 450 deer for the spring and summer. He also mentioned that there were 82 deer picked up which were dead on the side of the road due to motor vehicle crashes during the 2008-2009 season. When adding the number to the hunting season, this totals 532 less deer in the Township for the spring. He also stated that there has been a reduction in the amount of accidents and dead deer being picked up from the roadways. There were 25 volunteer hunters that were issued permits and did an outstanding job. Mr. Summerer recommended that the program continue for next year.

Other Matters

A. Tree Ordinance (discussion) – Mr. Stasse stated that he had received a draft of the Township tree ordinance and has compared it to other models and ordinances from other communities basically to incorporate or amend our town ordinance to make it more comprehensive. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding developer's taking down trees and replacing them. EC recommended that language be added to the ordinance that states "that anyone who purchases a property is to get approval prior to cutting any trees in the property." Mr. Slate reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Stasse with the Commission. EC recommended that a summary of the tree ordinance be published in the Township Newsletter to inform residents of the tree ordinance enforcement. The committee was instructed to review how to enforce tree removal to homeowners and developers. The discussion was carried to the next EC meeting for further discussion.

Public Commentary - None to be heard.

Commentary by Committee Members – Mr. Largman informed the Committee that ANJEC was hosting a workshop regarding “Green Team” on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in New Brunswick anyone interested must call 973-539-7547 to register and on March 29, 2009 there will be a follow up in depth workshop on getting your town certified through sustainable Jersey and available resources for anyone interested in attending. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding developing a “green team”.

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 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Environmental Commission