

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes - Unapproved
Wednesday, January 9, 2008; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Agenda

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Anita, Jim, Frank, Jen, Tom A., Joe)
- C) Public Comments
Anthony Biago; 43 New Read St; Pequannock came to the meeting to complain about a clogged storm drain near his property that was causing flooding. He notified the town manager on 1/8/2008 and was told by Joe if he is not satisfied to bring the matter up at a Council Meeting. Anthony did come before the Council at their 1/22/2008 meeting and was told by Township Manger that the problem was solved by rerouting the ditch around a clogged pipe. Anthony disagreed and said there is still standing water and that there would be more problems.
- D) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
12/12/2007 (Tom A & Frank approved)
- E) Budget Report (Tom A.)
 - 1) Remaining 2007 budget spent on supplies (sharpies, poster paper and CD-RW disks).
 - 2) Is the 2008 budget \$1000.00? - *Yes, Tom N. said that by statue we get 1000.00 for our budget.*
- F) Chairperson's Report –
Tom N's ten goals:
 - 1) *Update the ERI.*
 - 2) *Blue Line (ditch) inspections.*
 - 3) *Cedar Crest inspection with Jeff Keller.*
 - 4) *Household Hazardous Waste pick-up day, 5/10/2008.*
 - 5) *Recycling.*
 - 6) *Cedar Crest, public outreach presentation.*
 - 7) *Create articles for town email newsletter.*
 - 8) *Have a booth at the Ho-down.*
 - 9) *Sponsor a hike.*
 - 10) *Earth Day, energy audit and Bio Blitz with High School Students.*
- G) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)

The Council is not happy with our local access channel 77 on Cablevision and is looking into changes.

There will be a joint BOE and Council Meeting on 1/28/2008.

The Mayor is working to organize a clean-up day in April. Jim has contacts with the Boy Scouts and may be able to help include them. Tom N asked that the clean-up not conflict Household Hazardous Waste pick up day set for May 10, 2008. Jen may be able to help getting High School Students involved.

At the 1/22/08 Council Meeting, the Council will decide if the town will accept a donation of an quad for the Park Rangers.

Looking into projections on what would happen if the Wanaque Reservoir Dam fails. Tom N. asked is there are any safety inspection reports or ratings on the dam.

We will be getting another set of prints on the Castle project at McDonald's Beach because of changes to the project.

Item M2008-007 was approved.

H) **Planning Board Liaison Report (Marty)**

Emailed to members on 1/8/2008:

The Castle is planned to be heard at the Feb. 25th meeting. Their engineer has a lot of work to do and the way the meetings fell this was determined to be the best course of action.

Feb 4th may involve discussion on the recreational plan submitted last year. Correspondence M2008-1 Gallo, We, planning board members, don't have anything on this yet.

Correspondence M2008-7 Asani Planning board passed a favorable resolution last night. Minor Subdivision

The Re Organization kept the same slate of officers as last year. I will remain the PB liaison to EC

I) **Open Space Liaison Report (Anita/ Frank) Meeting on 1/14/2008 Frank is the new Liaison but Anita will go to this one meeting too.**

J) **Old Business**

1) Tom A attended the 12/17/2007 Planning Board Meeting on Castle project, update.

At the meeting an Engineering, an architectural and traffic study were presented. The site is 41.8 acres with two ponds. They will be regulating the water leaving the site. A DEP permit is required to connect the two ponds. A sewer line will be run to the site. When exiting onto Alexander Ave only a right turn will be allowed. No left turn into the site will be allowed from Alexander Ave. On the South end of the property, latter on, a retail/office complex may be built. This may be four stories with 81,000 sq ft of retail space and 73,500 sq ft of office space. The Castle would start as soon as all permits are in. The

current Landscaping was inadequate. Joe asked if a part of the site could be donated to the town as a park.

- 2) Jen update on work with High School Environmental Club. *Clean-up and Earth Day are two possible up coming activities.*
- 3) Jen update on Ho Down respondents indicating interest in Environmental Commission. *Nothing New.*
- 4) Tom N, ask Shade Tree Commission about arborist. *Not yet.*
- 5) Tom A and Tom N will talk to ANJEC about how to increase chances of receiving a grant in 2008. *Not yet.*

K) New Business

- 1) Contact other companies that can update our ERI. *Not Yet.*
- 2) A Response was received from Cedar Crest RE our most recent report. *Response fine, tried to dispute a little but will comply.*
- 3) Should we sign up for ANJEC workshops for additional \$60 fee? *Yes.*
- 4) Anita and Frank officially appointed for another term as Environmental Commission Members. *Congratulations and thanks!*
- 5) Do we have or is there a program that can save GIS maps for electronic distribution? *Tom N and Tom A discussed via email. Tom N. suggested that a free program called "cutepdf" be used.*
- 6) Comments on Environmental Commission Site Plan Review Checklist and Guidelines from Joe. *None.*

L) Correspondence (M – Mail, E – Email)

1) M2008-001

- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board Land Development Review
- b) Date – 11/29/2007
- c) Subject – Gallo Matlosz, Block 2801, Lot 4.01, Subdivision and Bulk Application
- d) Action – *Comments made to planning board.*
- e) Details –

2) M2008-002

- a) From – State of New Jersey DEP Division of Land Use Regulation, Madhu Guru, Supervisor Chief
- b) Date – 12/11/2007
- c) Subject – Mr. Fantina, DeGroot Holdings, LLC, Steam Encroachment Application – 30 Day Extension
- d) Action – For our information, may be able to make comments until 1/7/2008. *None.*
- e) Details – Extension to the 90 day review period, now extend to 1/7/2008

3) M2008-003

- a) From – ECO Systems Environmental Consultants, Thomas D'Angelo, Principal
 - b) Date – 12/13/2007
 - c) Subject – Updating the Pequannock Township ERI
 - d) Action – None.
 - e) Details – A letter from Tom offering ERI update services, he spoke to our Environmental Commission on 12/12/2007
- 4) M2008-004
- a) From – Township Manager, Kevin Boyle
 - b) Date – 12/20/2007
 - c) Subject – I.D. Badges
 - d) Action – Can get an ID Badge at the Parks and Recreation Department if you are a member of a board or commission who does field reviews.
 - e) Details – Tom A tried to get an ID badge at the Parks and Recreation Department but the current system is broken and the new system will be available in February 2008. Tom N spoke to a member of the Vernon EC about how they do site visits: he said if inspecting a waterway, we should have access -though not a license to trespass (can walk up the water body however.) They do notify property owners of such activity ahead of time. They also have photo ids that are signed by the town manager/mayor.
- 5) M2008-005
- a) From – Geographic Magic, (732) 842-5053, www.geographicmagic.com , alison@geographicmagic.com
 - b) Date – 12/2007
 - c) Subject – Discuss ways to use ANJEC 50% contribution, conservation plans and Natural Resources Inventories.
 - d) Action – None, but we could contact to discuss ERI update.
 - e) Details – Postcard offering services
- 6) M2008-006
- a) From – Pequannock Council
 - b) Date – 12/28/2007
 - c) Subject – Resolution for a Professional Service Contract with Morris Land Conservancy of Boonton, NJ
 - d) Action – None, for information
 - e) Details – A Resolution that will go to the Council for approval
- 7) M2008-007
- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board Land Development Review

- b) Date – 12/20/2007
 - c) Subject – Asani, Block 4013, Lot 1,2,18 Mandeville & Kamm, Subdivision and Bulk Application
 - d) Action – Comments and Recommendations sought. *Approved before our meeting, no comments made.*
 - e) Details –
- 8) M2008-008
- a) From – Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc
 - b) Date – 1/3/2008
 - c) Subject – NJDOT Major Access Permit Application. Kearney Federal Savings Bank
 - d) Action – For our information
 - e) Details – Location, Block 304, Lot 21; 917 Route 23, Pompton Plains, NJ: Driveway Permit, deed, traffic study, drainage & site plan.
- 9) M2008-009
- a) From – Morris Land Conservancy
 - b) Date – 12/2007
 - c) Subject – Newsletter
 - d) Action – None
 - e) Details – The December newsletter from the Morris Land Conservancy

The following “M2008” items came in after the agenda was made but before our January meeting so they were included in our January Meeting.

- 10) M2008-010
- a) *From – Township of Pequannock Board of Adjustment Land Development Review*
 - b) *Date – 11/21/2007*
 - c) *Subject – Omnipoint Cell Tower at 700 Turnpike, Block 1404, Lot 18*
 - d) *Action – Comments made.*
 - e) *Details – A proposed cell tower at the American Legion Hall on the Turnpike.*
- 11) M2008-011
- a) *From – Pennoni Associates, Consulting Engineers*
 - b) *Date – 1/7/2008*
 - c) *Subject – Pequannock is applying for a wetlands “Letter of Interpretation”.*
 - d) *Action – None.*
 - e) *Details – For the upcoming changes at Greenview Park.*
- 12) M2008-012
- a) *From – Kevin Boyle, Township Manager*

b) *Date – 1/7/2008*

c) *Subject – New Jersey Municipalities Article on light Pollution.*

d) *Action – For our information.*

e) *Details –*

13) E2008-1

a) From – Antoinette Weisse, Township IT

b) Date – 1/7/2007

c) Subject – Newsletter

d) Action – Articles (2) for Spring 2008 Township Newsletter

e) Details – Articles need to be to her by February 22.

M) Calendar

1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.

2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.

3) No Date – Apply for 2008 ANJEC grant. *The grant application deadline is Monday, March 31, 2008*

4) January 15, 2008, ANJEC meeting announced to discuss how Highlands regulations will affect towns - Tom N planning to host trip to ANJEC (Morristown) and all members are welcome to attend.

5) May 10, 2008, Household Hazardous Waste collection day in town.

N) Adjournment

Mission Statement

We represent the public and its long-term interests as local environmental advocates. We work towards these goals by: advising the town council and the planning and zoning boards about a wide range of environmental issues that affect the town; advocating for open-space preservation; keeping residents informed of environmental issues; promoting environmental education; and working with neighboring commissions and other organizations to meet these goals.