

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2008; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

A) Call to Order

B) Roll Call

(Tom N., Anita, Jim, Frank, Jen, Tom A., Joe, Marty)

C) Public Comments

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Tracy came by the Environmental Commission meeting to introduce herself. She was recently assessing the health of the "Beaver Brook Watershed" and found the biology was fair to good but there was a high Fecal Coliform count. Her organization does field tests on areas, school programs, fishing contests, etc.

D) Special Presentations

Mayor on River Clean-up Day, April 26, 2008, Q&A

Mayor received a donation of 200 latex gloves from Patriot Floors and he will solicit a couple more companies for donation for the river clean-up.

Frank let us know Waste Management will be donating the use of dumpster but we will have to pay tipping fees.

Articles about the cleanup will be in the papers before and after the cleanup but we need to follow up to ensure articles are written.

The First Aid Squad should be notified about the event so they can be on alert.

E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

2/13/2008 (Anita & Frank)

F) Budget Report (Tom A.) - \$670 balance

G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)

We have a 5-year DEP permit, with maybe 2-years left, to clean-up streams and ditches.

PV Park Hours the same but fees will be increasing.

Resolution 9.7 is on the Council's agenda and is the OK for the Environmental Commission to seek an ANJEC grant.

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

Planning Board will have a landscaping consultant look at Castle project.

The Environmental Commission suggests that Jeff Keller be hired to monitor environmental concerns at the very sensitive Castle site, Marty would like an email saying that.

Joe would like the donation to the town of a pocket park on the Castle site.

J) **Open Space Liaison Report (Frank)**

The town needs to demolish the houses on the open space properties that the town just purchased.

Frank provided us a tax list of 163 properties the town owns.

Steve from the Open Space Committee is looking into a list of all Open Space properties in town.

K) **Old Business**

1) Jen update on work with High School Environmental Club.

Get them a check-off list for river cleanup.

2) Jen update on Ho Down respondents indicating interest in Environmental Commission.

One person might be interested in joining Environmental Commission and she will invite them to the next meeting.

3) Tom N, ask Shade Tree Commission about arborist.

Curious about maples infection and that we a Tree City USA.

4) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.

The Parks and Recreation Department cannot make badges yet so there have been no more inspections.

5) PV Park water quality/clarity.

The town's Water Department might check the water quality at PV Park.

6) Tom A - Should seedlings be ordered from Morris County Soil Conservation District?

No, we are too busy to do this, this year. The ERI update and other activities will keep us very busy.

7) ANJEC Grant Application, Deadline Monday, March 31, 2008

Meeting set for Grant Application Subcommittee, 3/19/2008 7:00PM town hall conference room, Tom N, Tom A, Anita, and Frank.

L) **New Business**

1) Vote on ERI update Consultant

Vote was unanimous for Ross Kushner of the Pequannock River Coalition; his bid was substantially less than the other bid we received for the ERI update project. Tom A will notify consultants about the vote.

2) February 27, 2008 at 6:45PM in Bedminster, ANJEC New Flood Hazard Area Rules & Stream Protect

Tom A attended this presentation. One interesting thing was instead of using pipes to get rid of storm water, use curb-less streets where water can run off and be absorbed by ground, also use earthen swales to manage water, again give chance to be absorbed by ground.

3) Marty - Distribute Environmental Commission Site Plan Review Checklist to Planning Board, comments sought.

Tom A. Will send Marty an email containing the checklist.

4) Tom A - Check on ID's from Park and Recreation Department

Not yet but soon.

5) Jim - Get Antoinette an article on Household Hazardous Waste Day, May 10, 2008 for email newsletter.

Done

6) Jen - Contact the student in Environmental Club that did the work on solar panel project report. Anita Trajkovska?

Drop, Jen will contact Environmental Club advisor.

7) Jen - Let High School Environmental Club know about the 4/26 River Clean up.

Agreed

8) Jen - Environmental Club at North Boulevard School?

May be with 5th graders once a week. Will be contacting teacher at North Blvd about Environmental Club. Their first activity might be to sell reusable water bottles.

9) Jen - The High School Environmental Club Energy Audit of the High School, update.

No update.

10) Tom N - Ask ANJEC if any other towns in area received grant.

No Update

11) Tom N - Ask Shade Tree Commission about arborist.

No Update

12) Tom A - Environmental Commission Council Summary, from meeting?

13) Council Resolution 9.7 from 3/11/2008 supporting our ANJEC Grant Application.

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

1) M2008-025

a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board

b) Date – 1/10/08

c) Subject – 440 Route 23, Block 2007 Lot 8, Site, Flood and Bulk Application

- d) Action – *Comments made and left in Planning mailbox*
- e) Details – Applicant wants to construct a 63'x86' second story addition and 800 s.f. first floor will be reconstructed

2) M2008-026

- a) From – Fred Herrmann, Township Engineer, Director of Public Works
- b) Date – 2/8/2008
- c) Subject – Storm Water Management/Stream Cleaning Operations
- d) Action – For Our Information
- e) Details – DPW report on completion of stream clearing efforts on drainage courses.

3) M2008-027

- a) From – Kevin Boyle, Township Manager
- b) Date – 2/13/2008
- c) Subject – Army Corps of Engineers requested conservation easements
- d) Action – For our information
- e) Details – The Governing Body determined to hold this request in abeyance at this time.

4) M2008-028

- a) From – Ross Kushner, Pequannock River Coalition
- b) Date – 2/20/2008
- c) Subject – Update of Environmental Resource Inventory
- d) Action – review proposal outlining aspects with associated costs
- e) Details – Total \$6,400, Convert ERI to digital \$1,800, Update data \$1,400, Changes in format(GIS) \$1,600, Expand selected sections \$1,000, Printing \$600.00, 3 draft b/w copies, 5 final bound full color copies, 5 copies on CD

5) M2008-029

- a) From – Fred Herrmann, Township Engineer, Director of Public Works
- b) Date – 2/21/08
- c) Subject – Response to a request from the “County of Morris Department of Public Works” for a list of culverts under town roads.
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – List of 7 culverts under town roads that allow various drainage courses (brooks,etc.) to pass under township roadways, for a possible inspection program.

6) M2008-030

- a) From – Kevin Boyle
- b) Date – 3/2008

- c) Subject – Dave Hollberg’s Good Luck Party, Friday, 3/14 at noon in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building
- d) Action – *Tom A attended, very nice party and a great thank you to Dave.*
- e) Details – After many years of service to the community, Dave will be taking a new job as CFO of Edison Township.

7) M2008-031

- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board
- b) Date – 3/17/2008
- c) Subject – Tiff’s Block 3704/3-7, 23 Route 23
- d) Action – *No comments made.*
- e) Details – The Tiffany Restaurant in the old Triangle Hofbrau Restaurant location has site, flood and bulk application into Planning Board.

N) Calendar

- 1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.
- 2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.
- 3) March 31, 2008 - Deadline – Apply for 2008 ANJEC grant.
- 4) April 22, 2008 – Earth Day –
- 5) April 26, 2008 – River Clean-up Day
- 6) May 10, 2008, Household Hazardous Waste collection day in town.

O) 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.