

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2008; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Jim, Frank, Tom A., Joe)
- C) Public Comments *None*
- D) Special Presentations *None*
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
4/9/2008 *Yes*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) - \$670 balance
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)

1) Results from water test at PV Park: nitrate, TOC, NH3, Phosphorus, all within normal levels (testing to see if promote algal growth)

2) Ultrasonic device to keep algae from blooming; leasing for 3 months to see if makes a difference; 2 units, each does 3 acres, PV park is 4.5 acres; Denise contacted a few clients of product – all were happy with it.

3) Hold harmless for dog owners that register – to scare away the geese after hours at PV Park. T.Newman says important to have dog owners clean up after their dogs! J.Jorgensen agrees!

4) TBSA – sewerage authority in Lincoln Park RE plan: now at 7.5 mgd; get to 10 mgd expanded capacity for town to buy more capacity. We'd buy capacity. Future sewer capacity will be very expensive. Enough to do whole town? \$40M for enough for whole capacity. Dave Hollberg at the last Council meeting recommended buying the capacity. Gave report to T.Newman.

5) Cell tower on Town Hall property? Photo rendering. Would be something like \$2k/yr. Not likely to get support of Council.

6) From Mayor, loan information for solar panels for township.

7) Gerald Rohsler – County Transportation Management – history: RR will agree then maneuver to show that it is infeasible. “One thing after another” – now it is “active” train line down near Mt View (a spur that is freight line that runs slowly once a week with a flagman). Now Rodney Freylinghausen and Paul Hollick will work from the top down instead of the bottom up. If there are any changes in the plans, the work might have to start all over again from the beginning.

8) *Open Space – Joe Wells: was holding off getting crossing at jug handle for access while dealing with RR. DOT will grant. Gerald said to go ahead and get it going.*

9) *Aquatic park cleanup: John Olin discussing how to remove poison ivy. Kevin sent notice to Denise for SLAPP program to remove it.*

10) *Jeff Keller was not hired for the Castle development at the old McDonald's Beach.*

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

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

1) *Riverwalk: tearing down houses needs to be done for grants or we won't be able to apply for additional grants (due July 25). Kevin wants to do as many as possible at once to keep cost effective. Funds come out of Open Space funds.*

2) *Speciale property behind Commerce Bank and Shotmeyer behind Enrite gas station – moving forward with those.*

3) *Map: working on Morris County Map with shading for Open Space including town owned and privately owned*

K) **Old Business**

1) **Update on work with High School Environmental Club and starting North Blvd. Environmental Club.**

Frank suggested getting a group to do an energy audit in the Municipal Building. Jim will check with scouts to see if this is a possible topic for badges. Jim will also contact PSEG.

2) **Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.**

T.Newman: wait for winter. 5-yr permit, 3 yrs have gone by. Clarification of what the permit is: can demuck down to original level of the stream. Big project! Certain spots are easier than others – should get rid of standing water.

3) **PV Park water quality/clarity.**

Joe provided a water test report, see Joe's report above.

4) **River Cleanup, April 26, 2008**

*Successful! 4 tons total. 127 people by one count. Articles and pictures submitted to The Record and Suburban Trends. Thank you's were included. Scouts got World Conservation Award patch for the work. ** MOVE this earlier so photos would be available for Earth Day – poison ivy, ticks were just starting.*

5) **April 22, 2008 – Earth Day – Presentation at Cedar Crest, 7:30PM**
Good turnout, about 75 people – good feedback.

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

600+/- cars (vs last yr's 708 cars) – Riverdale had a free electronics pickup and that "stole" people away. Should post on neighboring town's cable stations are. Contact neighboring town's EC's to coordinate. Maybe we can

get a dumpster in town for electronics. Large Electronic road sign was very helpful.

L) Action Items

- 1) *Thomas Andrea: Look into how ANJEC can help with information for an energy audit.*
- 2) *Thomas Andrea: Check on Ho-Down replacement, will we have a booth?*
- 3) *Jim Iorio: Contact Kevin Boyle for JCP&L contact, then inquire about getting an energy audit at town hall.*
- 4) *Jim Iorio: Would it be possible for Scouts to help with an energy audit at town hall?*
- 5) *Frank Spizzirri: Check with Open Space Committee, will the new map they are producing be in a GIS format or could it be available via GIS? Morris County GIS may be able to help if needed.*
- 6) *All: What are your town fair booth ideas? The ERI update should be the centerpiece.*

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

No action on any item.

1) M2008-037

- a) From – Charles Jurgensen, Veteran Services Coordinator
- b) Date – None
- c) Subject – Looking for framed pictures of Morris County Military Personnel for a display at the Morris County Library during the month of November.
- d) Action – Call Charles at (973) 285-6866 if needed
- e) Details –

2) M2008-038

- a) From – Donohue Engineering
- b) Date – 3/27/2008
- c) Subject – Notice to Neighboring Landowners
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Requesting a NJDEP permit for a driveway and utility lines to cross a ditch at 75 West End Avenue

3) M2008-039

- a) From – Erickson Retirement Communities
- b) Date – April 21, 2008
- c) Subject – Cedar Crest, Force Main Maintenance & Fill Removal
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details –

4) M2008-040

- a) From – Donohue Engineering
- b) Date – 4/22/2008

- c) Subject – NJDEP Wetlands Permit Application
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Requesting a NJDEP permit for a driveway and utility lines to cross a ditch at 75 West End Avenue

5) M2008-041

- a) From – CMX
- b) Date – 4/24/2008
- c) Subject – Notification of Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Underground Utility Line

6) M2008-042

- a) From – NJ DEP, Costal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement
- b) Date – 1/14/2008
- c) Subject – An inspection revealed, without approval the destruction of vegetation and the placement of wood chips within freshwater wetlands and wetlands transition area
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – At 17 Mead Place

7) M2008-043

- a) From – Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates, Thomas D. Cappetti, Jr., Associate/Planner
- b) Date – 4/30/2008
- c) Subject – Flood hazard area permit sought
- d) Action –FYI
- e) Details – Borough of Pompton Lakes, Willow Fields, Flood Hazard Permit, File Number P-520-148

8) M2008-044

- a) From – NJ DEP BCAIN – Initial Notice Section
- b) Date – 5/5/2008
- c) Subject – Conditional No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Unrestricted use for the areas of Concern (One 20000 gallon heating oil #4 UST, two 1000 gallon medium diesel UST, & one 550 gallon medium diesel UST) at Chilton Hospital

N) Calendar

- 1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.
- 2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.

- 3) May 30, 2008 – Or before, response from ANJEC on Grant Application
- 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.