

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2008; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Anita, Frank, Jen, Tom A., Joe) Lisa
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
5/14/2008
(Frank and Anita)
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) - \$670 balance
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) *For an article Tom N talked about Environmental Commission issues to, Michael Del Moro, a reporter from the Trends.*
 - 2) *For our Household Hazardous Waste collection day, we are waiting for details from the county.*
 - 3) *We only received approval of our ERI update grant application, no other communications from ANJEC.*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
 - 1) *Starting in the fall of 2008, the town will begin doing background checks for employees and volunteers at a cost of approximately \$10-\$15 per check.*
 - 2) *New Ordinance: Fertilizer ordinance (passed down from DEP) introduced – starting process. We may want to put details of ordinance on our EC website.*
 - 3) *For Aquatic Park access, the town is petitioning the State for permission from RR to cross the tracks. Since we own/lease property on both sides of the RR tracks, the crossing approval would be hard to refuse.*
 - 4) *Area towns are creating an ordinance which will require the recording of who is recycling gold.*
 - 5) *There will be an upcoming presentation to the Council from a cell phone company about putting an antenna next to town hall. The revenue to the town could be \$1200 to \$2000 per month.*
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Marty)
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Frank)
 - 1) *Frank is the new Chairman of the Open Space Commission. Congratulations, best of luck and thank you to Frank.*

2) *There is an open space map being developed for the town. It will be available to us in a GIS format when completed and it could be included in the updated ERI.*

K) Old Business

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

There are 40-60 students in the high school Environmental Club. Things are in progress but on-hold until the start of the next school year.

2) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections, on hold until winter.

Michael Lahowchic contacted Frank asking about the clean up aquatic park and why we are not cleaning streams. Henry Samek asked why we did not clean the streams when we did the Aquatic park cleanup. The ditch inspections are just that: inspections (not cleanups).

3) PV Park water quality/clarity.

Tom A says the water is clear so far!

Geese are not as much of a problem so far; there are few, even in Woodland Lake. Dogs are on patrol – 2 sets (am/pm) which may also be helping. Friends of PV Park, Jen wants to help coordinate this group. Joe says it would be better to make the group a nonprofit so its funds are separate and not merged with the general fund which is what would happen if it was done by the town. The donation of a waterslide might be a goal. Membership to PV Park was down but it was early in the season and more people might join as the warmer weather sets in.

L) Action Items

1) Tom A: Look into how ANJEC can help with information for an energy audit.

Jen sent Tom A info from ANJEC on energy audits. Towns typically hire someone to do their energy audit. Tom A suggested getting it done prior to boiler replacement so that we know what the improvement is.

2) Tom A: Check on Ho-Down replacement, will we have a booth?

Yes – but nothing finalized yet. It seems like businesses will be eliminated from the Ho-Down replacement.

3) Jim: Contact Kevin Boyle for JCP&L contact, then inquire about getting an energy audit at town hall.

Contact changed and new contact not known.

4) Jim: Would it be possible for Scouts to help with an energy audit at town hall?

Jim needs more info on that. Maybe it could be an Eagle Scout project.

5) Frank: 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.

GIS format of map will be available, see J 2 above.

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

1) M2008-045

a) From – NJ DEP Div. of Water Supply

b) Date –

c) Subject – Application to divert water from wells in Montville

d) Action – Comments by June 19, 2008

Gave the Heath Department a copy of this item.

e) Details – Divert water from a new backup well for community supply

2) M2008-046

a) From – NJ DEP Bureau of Costal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement

b) Date – 5/19/2008

c) Subject – Notice of Violation of 1/14/2008

d) Action – FYI

e) Details – An inspection revealed that restoration work has been completed as required, violation resolved

3) M2008-047

a) From – NJ DEP Division of Watershed Management

b) Date – 5/21/2008

c) Subject – Total Max. daily load reports addressing total phosphorus impairment in the non-tidal Passaic River Basin, Pompton Lake and Ramapo River

d) Action –

Council is in the process of approving a “fertilizer management ordinance”.

e) Details – 10 year study for determining pollutant load reductions, specifically phosphorus. See table 3 of the notice

4) M2008-048

a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board

b) Date – 5/21/08

c) Subject – Creation of a flag lot at block 604, lot 5, 101 Mountain Avenue

d) Action –

Comments sent back to the Planning Board on 6/11/2008.

Transcript: The Environmental Commission believes that granting a waiver in this case represents a significant back-pedaling from recent improvements in ordinances on this issue. In particular, a waiver would represent a reduction in buffers along the access portion of the property. It would also set a precedent for future waivers of this type.

e) Details – A flag lot is a flag-shaped lot: a squarish parcel of land that is accessible only by a very long narrow strip leading from a main road.

5) M2008-049

a) From – Kevin Boyle, Township Manager

b) Date – 5/27/2008

c) Subject – Morris Canal / Pompton Feeder Trail

d) Action – FYI

We are interested in this but if they want to tie in with a bridge, someone would need to hire a consultant for design.

e) Details – Asking if there is interest in a joint venture with Passaic County who may be creating a trail along the site of the pompton feeder dam

6) M2008-050

a) From – WorkPlace Pro; PO Box 1280; Somerset, KY 42502-1280
1 (877) 677-1837 www.workplacepro.com

b) Date – 6/2008

c) Subject – Custom T-Shirt Sale

d) Action – FYI

e) Details – Custom “Go Green Stay Green” T-shirts on sale for \$5.95 of 12 or more, sale price end on July 4th.

7) M2008-051

a) From – State of NJ DEP Division of Land use Regulation

b) Date – 5/22/2008

c) Subject – At Boys and Girls Club in Pequannock, Flood Hazard Area permit authorizing demolition and construction of a new building addition to the existing building.

d) Action – FYI

e) Details – Flood Hazard Area permit only.

Frank pointed out that there may be asbestos on this site, but this permit was only about the flood hazard issue.

8) M2008-052

a) From – Morris County Soil Conservation District

b) Date – 5/29/2008

c) Subject – A soil erosion and sediment control plan at Cedar Crest expired.

d) Action – FYI

e) Details – If Cedar Crest wishes, their plan needs to be re-certified.

N) General Calendar

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

2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.

Tom A., Some ANJEC seminars are being recorded and made available on the Internet. This may make a road show unnecessary.

O) ERI Update Calendar

1) June 2008: Project team leader and consultant review and comment on ANJEC draft grant agreement; final agreement signed by Mayor and ANJEC.

2) July 9, 2008: Project team “kickoff meeting” with consultant and ANJEC representative; EC develops newspaper article on project; consultant begins work with, data collection; etc.

3) June 2008 to September 2008: Pequannock EC members convert text of 1995 ERI to digital form and submit sections to consultant as they are completed. EC members also compile town-specific information related to open space inventory, historic buildings, etc., and submit these materials to the consultant as they are available.

4) August 29, 2008: EC submits a quarterly report to ANJEC on ERI update status.

5) September 2009: EC conducts public outreach activities relating to the ERI update project to residents at the annual town fair.

6) November 10, 2008: Consultant submits draft GIS ERI maps to EC for review.

7) November 28, 2008: EC submits a quarterly report to ANJEC on ERI update status.

8) December 10, 2008: Consultant meets with EC to review GIS maps.

9) February 9, 2009: Consultant submits draft ERI to EC for review.

10) February 27, 2009: EC submits a quarterly report to ANJEC on ERI update status.

11) March 11, 2009: Consultant meets with Environmental Commission to review draft ERI.

12) April 8, 2009: Consultant meets with EC to preview the Council/Public Presentation.

13) May 12, 2009: Consultant presents a summary and overview of the new ERI document to the public at a Council Meeting. Comments from the presentation will be recorded and documented by members of the EC, who will discuss these comments with the consultant. Any modifications of the ERI will be incorporated as appropriate.

14) May 29, 2009: EC submits a quarterly report to ANJEC on ERI update status.

- 15) June 16, 2009: Consultant provides final ERI to the EC as eight hard copies (one unbound, seven bound) and 1 electronic copy (CD-ROM). In addition, the consultant will provide an electronic copy of the GIS files in the working directory structure.
- 16) June 23, 2009: EC submits a final report to ANJEC on the ERI update project. This report will include, a CD_ROM copy of the ERI, a summary of the project, and documentation listing all project expenditures, including in-kind services.

P) 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.