

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 14, 2010; 7:30 PM  
Pequannock Town Hall  
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call  
(Tom N., Rudy, -, Christopher, Lisa, Joe)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - 6/9/2010 – *Tom N moves, Rudy 2nds – accept.*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) *\$620 from 2010, \$351 reserved from 2009 to pay for a spring hike with Jeff Keller.*
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
  - 1) *Girl scout "water cycle" tour – two bridges SA is under construction, need to reschedule tour; haven't heard from our Public works person*
  - 2) *Ho Down: will put together composter in later Aug/early Sep; order bags soon (TLN to work with Tom A on that); need questions related to composting for game. Game for composting – Lisa will develop some questions. Recycling issue too – could have examples of item types.*
  - 3) *New Clerk: Jay Delaney*
  - 4) *Next meeting: flood advisory committee*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
  - 1) *Some higher coliform counts noted at PV park especially in Woodland Lake, but not high enough to warrant closure.*
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)
  - 1) *(Rudy) – 2 lots on Newark Pompton Turnpike subdivision, 3 lot subdivision Sanders West End.*
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)
  - 1) *Green Acres Funding letter – Shotmeyer Property Purchase, Purchase homes on river side, FEMA would take homes on the other side.*
  - 2) *North Pequannock – clean up dead trees, not concrete; leave docks there.*
  - 3) *No meeting next month.*
- K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)
  - 1) *20+ bids came in – August/Sept review*
- L) Business
  - 1) *Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.*

- a) *Finished construction on Beaver Brook Rd. Can inspect West Ditch now.*
- b) *Rudy did the right-of-way behind Golden Panther Park, and he re-did "Washington Park ditch" that runs from Alexander Ave along tracks down to Jefferson.*
- c) *Talked about doing Greenwood Park ditch.*
- 2) *Annual River Clean Up. Tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2011.*
- 3) *PV Park water quality/clarity So far, so good. Joe brought the engineer's report to the meeting.*
- 4) *Community Garden, status? Material is growing! Doing well. All beds filled right away. Will recognize both Eagle Scouts.*
- 5) *Ho-Down.*
  - a) *Need to order bags, obtain art materials for kids' decorations of bags.*
  - b) *Game ideas – see above under Chairman's report.*
  - c) *Need volunteers for putting together the composter in late August or early September.*
- 6) *Walkable Communities Workshop Program. (Tom A.)*
  - a) *(Chris) Had meeting during past month. Good turnout from Pequannock's muni departments. Rep from walkable community gave ideas for what we could do. May or may not do a workshop this fall on walkable community. Walked to Rita's – had trouble with traffic crossing the turnpike.*
- 7) *Grants*
  - a) *ANJEC grant to update Pequannock's Open Space and Recreation Plan – We did not receive the grant.*
  - b) *Seed Grants for Greenways Projects Kodak American Greenways Awards Program (ANJEC email, May 4<sup>th</sup>).*
- 8) *Ordinances or Resolutions*
  - a) *Municipal Well Head Protection Ordinance - what does the town attorney say about this?*
  - b) *Bamboo, Environmental Commission's recommendations to Council on invasive forms of this plant. Remove, a local expert was found? Bamboo Bob will eradicate the bamboo.*

M) **Action Items:**

All:

- 1) *Stream inspections. Tom A and Rudy to work on these.*
- 2) *Website: compile list of websites and internet links to include.*
- 3) *Ho Down: Need to order bags, assemble composter, get info RE composting, come up with suitable game/activity.*

Tom Newman:

- 1) Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. When complete, submit the new reports to Council.

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ". Resolution from Council on Green Team. We do have a staff person from Town to Green Team. *Joe will get name.*
- 2) Will get energy audits from Dave Hollberg. *Waiting for RFP.*

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Keep track of municipal energy audit; the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. RFP will await new township engineer.
- 2) Walkable Communities Workshop for Pequannock. *(Site survey went very well. We will be having a workshop, maybe in September when schools are back in session .)*
- 3) *Notify Dave Hollberg that the EC supports the well head protection ordinance?*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ. *Update: sneaker recycling could be done at Spa 23 but that's only going to work for Spa 23 clients. Nike program collects in Paramus but there is a 100-pair limit.*
- 2) Project Porchlite – contact for Ho-Down. *Lisa made new contactd. Campaign is ending in September. Lisa will know in August.*

Christopher Lotito:

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Continue Stream Inspections.
- 2) 2011 River Clean-up planning.

Philip Dickinson:

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

- 1) M2010-042
  - a) From – State of NJ DEP Division of Land Use Regulation
  - b) Date – 4/16/2010
  - c) Subject – Village Area Sewer Project, deficiencies
  - d) Action – More information needs to be submitted

- e) Details – Three deficiencies need to be addressed
- 2) M2010-043
  - a) From – JR Frank Design
  - b) Date – 4/30/2010
  - c) Subject – Jan Fence Co., Block 4402, Lot 6, 4 Industrial Rd.
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Modifying a parcel in town for their business
- 3) M2010-044
  - a) From – State of NJ DEP, Enforcement and Assignment Element, Child Care/Education Facility Unit
  - b) Date – 5/21/2010
  - c) Subject – Approval letter
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Approval for Adam & Danielle’s Children’s Center at 206 Boulevard, Pequannock
- 4) M2010-045
  - a) From – The Land Conservancy of NJ
  - b) Date – 6/24/2010
  - c) Subject – Their newsletter is now electronic
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Newsletter at <http://www.tlc-nj.org>
- 5) M2010-046
  - a) From – Pequannock Parks and Recreation Department
  - b) Date – 7/9/2010
  - c) Subject – Chemicals used at PV Park to treat algae and weeds
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Swim meet swimmers were in the water while chemicals were applied, it raised concerns.
- 6) M2010-047
  - a) From – State of NJ DEP, Division of Watershed Management, Bureau of Watershed Regulation
  - b) Date – 6/02/2010
  - c) Subject – Cedar Crest Village Pipe Replacement Floodwall and Inlet
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Highlands Act – Not Major Highlands Development, Water Quality Management Plan – Not Addressed
- 7) M2010-048
  - a) From – KMB Design Group
  - b) Date – 7/12/2010

- c) Subject – Freshwater Wetlands LOI & Flood Hazard Individual Permit
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – New Cell Phone Tower, (near Aquatic Park on R23 N?, 770 Route 23 North)

8) M2010-049

- a) From – State of NJ DEP DIV of Land Use Regulation
- b) Date – 7/9/2010
- c) Subject – Application Form
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – New Cell Phone Tower, (near Aquatic Park on R23 N?, 770 Route 23 North)

9) M2010-050

- a) From – Air, Land & Sea
- b) Date – 7/10/2010
- c) Subject – Legal Re-notification, Application for a Flood Area Hazard Control Act Individual Permit
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – 441 Newark Pompton Turnpike in Wayne

O) General Calendar

- 1) Ho Down – September 18

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.