

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2011; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

A) Call to Order (*Time: 7:34pm*)

B) Roll Call

1) Members (Present/Absent):

- a) Chair: Tom Newman *Present*
- b) Secretary: Tom Andrea *Present*
- c) Open Space Liaison: Rudy Steinthal *Absent*
- d) Planning Board Liaison: Philip Dickenson *Present*
- e) Lisa Martinus *Absent*
- f) Jeff Mauriello *Absent*
- g) Nancy Towner *Present*
- h) Rudy Steinthal *Absent*
- i) Alternate Members #1: Christopher Lotito *Present*
- j) Alternate Members #2: Ron Baran *Absent*
- k) Council Liaison: Melissa Florance-Lynch *Present*

C) Public Comments (list those in attendance)

1) *Tom Ferraro*

D) Special Presentations

1) *Induction of Mayor's newly appointed Alternate Members by the Chair*

2) *Signing of Oaths (T.Newman)*

3) *Proposal of procedure for voting by Alternate Members (T.Newman)*

E) Approval of Meeting Minutes

1) *2/9/2011 – T.Newman moves to approve, T. Andrea approves*

2) *3/9/2011 – T. Andrea moves to approve, N. Towner approves*

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

1) M2011-009

- a) From – Township of Pequannock, David Hollberg, Township Manager
- b) Date – 3/29/2011
- c) Subject – ANJEC Grant Application
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Open Space Advisory Board's ANJEC grant application (Sustainable Land Use Planning Grant) Updating Open Space Master Plan

2) M2011-010

- a) From – TRC Environmental Corporation
- b) Date – 4/1/2011
- c) Subject – Texas Eastern Pipeline maintenance, NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program Permit Application
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Large loose leaf binder with information; pipeline goes near Sunset Golf Course and through Mountainside Park.

3) M2011-011

- a) From – Pequannock Township's Mayor Rich Phelan
- b) Date – 4/8/2011
- c) Subject – River Clean Up thank you letters
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Copies of thank you letters to those who donated money and/or materials to the River Clean Up.

G) Budget Report (Tom A.) \$510 (\$660 - \$150 Ho Down Bags = \$510)

H) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

1) *Allison Petryk, Watershed Ambassador, confirmed Sunday May 15, 1pm-4pm for training (visual and biological stream monitoring). Have Senior House.*

2) *Artificial turf – BOE has placed a referendum on the upcoming ballot. I have received inquiries as to the environmental impacts of artificial turf and have asked Nancy to continue to compile information. Environmental issues involve comparison of:*

- a) Rainfall runoff*
- b) Hazards/exposure from direct contact with fields*
- c) Pollution/hazards related to chemicals applied for maintenance*
- d) Pollution/hazards related to equipment used for maintenance*
- e) Other health impacts e.g., injuries (impact) and heat exposure*
- f) Related pollution: noise, light, traffic, trash, etc.*

3) *CFL Hazards/Recycling (article in Star Ledger, Sunday April 10)*

4) *Mountainside Park Trails serviced on June 5 by NYNJ Trails Conference (per 4/5/2011 email)*

5) *Certificate of Participation for Jordan Roosma – given to Melissa to give to Rich.*

6) *Update of Member Information*

I) Town Council Liaison Report (Melissa)

1) *March 22 and April 12 Meetings*

2) *3/22 TBSA Bob Bongiovanni, Exec Director, gave overview of planning study, 3 levels – decision has not been made. Third option (with the most sewerage) is very expensive! Melissa showed a copy of the most recent Sewer Master Plan, given by Mike Simone, Crew Engineers.*

- 3) *Consumption Rates per thousand gallons modified. Blending facility will be constructed next year. \$3.50 for first 30,000 gal, then \$4.20. In 2012, \$4.00 and \$4.80.*
 - 4) *Fees for Woodland Lake open to non-residential.*
 - 5) *Gaeta Recycling was authorized for flood waste.*
 - 6) *FEMA flood remediation of Harrison Road – cooperate with Riverdale.*
 - 7) *Flood committee meeting April 14th.*
- J) **Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip) – No meeting, no report.**
- K) **Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy Absent, Tom A filling in)**
- 1) *Council approved appraisals on 5 houses: 1 house on Riverside, 2 on Harrison, 2 on Pequannock Ave.*
 - 2) *Frank has successfully pulled town officials together with FEMA representatives. FEMA offered to help with applications.*
 - 3) *\$90,000 for 2010 from FEMA.*
 - 4) *May 2nd: River Walk with official from Passaic County.*
 - 5) *Eagle Scout Project: canoe launch on the Pompton River.*
 - 6) *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: requested site for Teen Center.*
- L) **Business**
- 1) **Ditch/Flood Gate inspections -**
 - a) *None completed during this period.*
 - b) *Christopher noted that someone removed some trees near Oakwood Ave near Lyman Park.*
 - 2) **Annual River Clean Up (Rudy)**
 - a) *A HUGE Success, Thank you Rudy! Thank you to all who donated and participated.*
 - b) *Some suggestions to improve the check-in procedure for future cleanups are:*
 1. *Ask volunteers to include ages of participants (child 6-12, teenager or adult) when pre-registering.*
 2. *Make pre-assignments based on ages and number of volunteers. (to be issued at check-in)*
 3. *Assign Group leaders (commission members, open space members and/or town council members)*
 4. *Assign team leaders (teams to be 10 members + or -).*
 5. *A group leader may also be a team leader. Group leaders will be used in areas that require more than one team (ex Lyman's Park). In areas that require only one team, the group and team leader will be the same*
 6. *At check-in have three check-in positions (A- H, I-P and Q-Z). Assignments will be given at check in based on the pre-assignment list.*

7. *Maps and instructions will be issued to Group and Team leaders.*

c) *Other Suggestions for River Cleanup:*

1. *Team leaders should provide a welcome statement and state the goals of the cleanup, the general procedures to be followed, and safety information.*
2. *Safety information should include warnings and identification of ticks, poison ivy, sharps, falling/slipping into water/mud, wildlife.*
3. *During cleanup, periodically team leaders should point out interesting/educational facts to participants. Could be about trash being found, could be about flora/fauna, could be about flooding or water quality, etc. This will provide a more educational and beneficial experience to participants.*

3) PV Park water quality/clarity: *no update*

4) Ho-Down: *potential ideas for focal points discussed, including Recycling, Power Conservation, etc.*

5) Walkable Communities Workshop Program: *looking for feedback*

6) Grants: *no update*

7) TBSA Tour with Rich Phelan *no update*

8) Septic Tanks/Sewers

- a) Educate town about maintenance and look at other towns ordinances on septic tank maintenance.

9) Ordinances or Resolutions

- a) Municipal Well Head Protection Ordinance –

10) Possibility of Christopher taking recyclables from town to Best Buy in Riverdale to be recycled.

11) Allison Petryk, NJ Watershed Ambassador, training

12) Recycling Fundraiser: *Saturday April 16 at PTHS. Collecting cell phones, inkjet cartridges, laptops, PCs, etc.*

13) ANJEC link to our website – refresh

14) Christopher – observed a clubhouse being built on park between the railroad and Holy Spirit Church.

M) Action Items:

All:

1) Stream inspections:

2) Website: *Compile list of websites and internet links to include. Give Tom A more information. Provide/add issues/information about underground tanks on our website.*

- a) Links: how to dispose of stuff, like CFLs

- b) Recycle.org

c) Historicaerials.com

3) Ho Down:

a) need themes: how to get rid of stuff – could have a game

4) Spring coordination with Green Team: Street Fair? Earth Day?

Tom Newman:

1) Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. When complete, submit the new reports to Council. Ongoing – working toward summer completion/presentation to Planning Board. *ongoing*

2) Make presentation to Council on our year-end summary of our accomplishments in 2010 and 2011 goals. May be regular or workshop; coordinate if a presentation is planned so that it can be put on agenda. *Looking to a future meeting, not yet determined.*

3) Get Tom Andrea Mountainside hike video. (use “slingshot”) *done*

4) Confirm date/time with Allison Petryk, NJ Watershed Ambassador, for training on Sun, May 15 at 1PM. *done*

Melissa Florance-Lynch:

1) Report on Environmental Commission Alternate member progress.

Done

Thomas Andrea:

1) *Attended Wednesday, March 30 ANJEC Workshop on Site Plan Review in Clifton.*

2) *Email Melissa February and March Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes.*

3) *Email Ron the Walkable Communities Report for Pequannock.*

4) *Download and try editing Nature Walk with Jeff Keller video.*

Lisa Martinus:

1) Sustainable NJ.

Rudy Steinthal:

1) Continue Stream Inspections.

Philip Dickinson:

Jeff Mauriello:

1) Go on stream inspections.

2) Working on ERI with GIS skills.

Nancy Towner:

Christopher Lotito:

Ron Baran:

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. Ron spoke to Dave Battaglia – they just received more grant money and are engaged in changing 4 bulb units to 3 bulb units, sensor switches, can now start energy audit (one state contractor – will start that).

N) General Calendar

April 16 – Electronics Recycling at PTHS

May 15, 1-40pm Allison Petryk

June 12 – Street Fair

September 17, 2011 – Ho-Down, setup 8AM start 12PM end 7PM

Rain date next day September 18, 2011

O) Adjournment: 9:47pm

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.