

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Agenda for the Meeting of February 23, 2009
at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Building

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Give pledge to the flag.
3. Give Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act was given of this meeting by:

 - a. Forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam, the Daily Journal and the Elmer Times,
 - b. Posting notice thereof on the community events bulletin board at the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, and
 - c. Filing notice thereof in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

(All of the above was done at least 48 hours in advance.)
4. Attendance
5. Approval of minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting.
6. Unfinished Business
 - Ordinances
 - Cluster Ordinance – A letter with suggested additional wording for paragraphs 60-97 A and C was forwarded to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee on 11-4-08, was reviewed by the Subcommittee on 12-23-08 and sent to the Township Committee, which had an amended ordinance drafted by the township solicitor. The amended ordinance was introduced by the Township Committee at its meeting on February 10, 2009, and it is expected that it will be adopted at the Township Committee meeting on February 24th. I believe that the Planning Board will have a comment period before the amended ordinance is published.
 - Conservation Design – ANJEC has withdrawn its grant due to the township's extended period of inaction on the Ordinance.
 - Build-out Analysis – preliminary work to update the parcel mapping in the GIS system is being completed by Sickels and Associates as a prerequisite for Clarke, Caton and Hintz completing the build-out analysis. A revised schedule is pending.
 - Open Space
 - Farmland Preservation Plan – We are awaiting final comments on our last response. Our Planning Board will hopefully be able to schedule a public hearing in March.
 - Alliance Heritage Center – awaiting outcome of Federation's grant request
 - PIG Status
 - Schroeder – Sale or auction still expected for March or April 2009.
 - Kibort – Certification received – Federal Funding is currently available; however, time is of the essence. An official agreement has been sent to Kibort's attorney, and Herb talked with the attorney on 2-9-09.
 - Petronglo – The State has withdrawn its money.
 - Seven new PIG applications are in from the Eastern targeted farms.
 - Green Acres and other Open Space
 - Renwick – Renegotiations with owner on hold

MRC (Clarke property) – Still in negotiations

Garrison property near Schalick High School sold to Fazzio.

Willow Grove Lake – The engineering report addressing repair of the roadway and spillway has been sent to the DEP for their review and action.

Road Cleanup – The next cleanup will be scheduled for early spring.

High School EC Chapter – We will hopefully resume efforts in 2009

7. Report on area meetings/training/events.

The Planning Board will continue their hearing on the COAH plan from their December 2nd and 16th meetings to December 29th. The Plan has to be approved by 12-31-08 in order to avoid a Builder's Remedy Law Suit that could cause the township to be forced to allow a developer to build a multiple housing development with almost no Township intervention. The Plan will explain how Pittsgrove plans to have 141 additional COAH housing units by 2018.

8. New Business:

Holiday and winter activities – Cristina Frank, Audubon Society to speak in March
We need to get ads in the Sunbeam, Bridgeton and Elmer newspapers, and in the schools, businesses and maybe churches. Chic will work with Herb on this project.

Member Recruitment – Our Administrator has suggested that we post information regarding upcoming EC activities, events, and membership needs on the Township Web Site.

Gypsy Moth Spraying - A single application of BTK is to be applied by the State contractor along route 40 and Route 553 (223 acres) in the presidential streets area and along Route 40 and Porchtown Road (91 acres). Proposed dates are between May 4 and June 4 depending on weather. Public notice, etc. to follow just as last year's program, but costs are expected to escalate this year.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:

10. Issues before the Planning Board

The Briar Hill development will be coming up before the Planning Board soon. The two lots that were to be added to the southern end of the development have been removed; however the number of residential lots is still approximately the same. The environmental analysis seems to be well done.

Lee Transport – final status is unknown.

Pilesgrove Partners – Pending

Joe Canal – Pending

11. Communications

12. Member Comments

13. Public Comments

14. Adjournment