

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Agenda for the Meeting of March 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 – The Planning Board has agreed that agricultural buffers will continue to be excluded from lot yield, along with drainage basins, wetlands and wetland transition areas. The Board decided to make agriculture buffers part of the permanent open space, which should ensure that no portion of lots, drainage basins or other infrastructure will reside in the buffers. The Planning Board recommendations will be sent back to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee for review before final adoption by the full Township Committee.

Conservation Design – The Township will suspend further action on the CDO until there is a future decision to resume work.

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 – The Plan has been approved by the State and there will be an Agriculture Advisory Committee on Wednesday the 25th to approve its being sent to the Planning Board for a public hearing and adoption.

Alliance Heritage Center – Both grants have been approved, one for restoration of the house and another to initiate the creation of the Heritage Center.

PIG Status

Schroeder – A public auction is expected in June or July.

Kibort – A meeting with Kibort's attorney has been scheduled.

Petronglo – The State has withdrawn its money.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

Willow Grove Lake – The DEP has reviewed the engineering report addressing repair of the roadway and spillway and has asked for additional information from the engineering firm.

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.

Road Cleanup – The next cleanup will be scheduled in spring.

High School EC Chapter – Hope to renew effort

7. Report on area meetings/training/events.

8. New Business:

Introduce Cristina Frank of the NJ Audubon Society who will give a presentation on Native Grasses.

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 – Attended March 17th PB meeting.

11. Communications

12. Member Comments

13. Public Comments

14. Adjournment