

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes of the Meeting of April 28, 2008

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.
2. The pledge to the flag was given.
3. The Chairman gave the Open Public Meetings Act Statement
Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting by:
 - a. Forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and the Daily Journal,
 - 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. Members in attendance were Herb Wegner, Tom Figlio, Bob Morse, Meghan Hack, and Kevin Garrison. Also in attendance were Linda DuBois and Dawn Ebinger. Mayor Voros joined the meeting at 7:55 pm.
5. Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Tom Figlio. It was seconded by Meghan Hack, and all approved.
6. Election of Officers
Vice Chairman: Tom Figlio nominated Bob Morse. Meghan Hack seconded the motion.
Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Figlio nominated Meghan Hack. Bob Morse seconded the motion. The nominations were closed and were approved unanimously.
7. Unfinished Business
Redevelopment Status – Bob reported that the Brownfield application is with the DEP
Ordinances:
Cluster Ordinance – Tom reported the ordinance is with the Planning Board Solicitor for review of the language.
Conservation Design – Herb reported per ANJEC that we need to get moving or our grant money will be lost. We will need to talk with Deborah Turner-Fox, Sally Birdsall and Suzanne McCarthy to determine how we can move forward. Kevin Garrison expressed concern that there may be some conflicts between the Conservation Design Ordinance and the Cluster Ordinance.
Bob Morse is to address the EIS issue with the Planning Board
Build-out analysis – No new information
Open Space
Farmland PIG Status
Schroeder – Auction is slated for fall 2008
Tamagni – Preserved and sign up
Kibort awaiting SADC easement value
Petronglo – We are awaiting his response to offer
Paulaitis – Herb to call him regarding installing “Preserved Farmland” sign.

Green Acres and other Open Space

Renwick – We are waiting for an agreement with owner

Briar Hill – No action currently

Running Deer – Pete Voros met with the Governor’s staff and hopes to have a “positive” response from the State next week

Danna Property – Preserved

KMRC (alongside Running Deer) – Green Acres negotiating contract

Centerton Lake – Township co-signed loan to have dam repaired (Cost \$1,081,000).

Willow Grove Lake – It is still tied up with the three parties (both counties and TNC) negotiating what they will pay. The water level is still down.

Road Cleanup – Tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2008.

8. Report on area meetings/training.

April 1st – FPP Public Hearing rescheduled to May 20th – awaiting comment from State

Herb, Bob and Tom, and Linda DuBois attended Curt Gellerman’s presentation on April 22nd

Jane Nogaki’s IPM briefing – is on hold

Herb attended Ivan Garrison auction

9. New Business:

New Farmland PIG Application – awaiting comments from the State.

Eastern Project Area – Herb received a call from Matt Pizariski of the Cumberland County

Preservation office. He is working with the Cumberland County Jewish Heritage

Foundation that has expressed interest in preserving farms in the Norma-Brotmanville area which were farmed by the Jewish settlers in that area in the late 1800’s. Herb is to meet

with some of the members to discuss the project further.

Pittsgrove Day Plans

Ideas for displays:

Info for Display Board: give Meghan ideas by 5/5/08

Banner- complete

Brochure - in rough draft form

Birdman – scheduled for 1-3pm

Handouts – Tom went to NJDEP and got handouts, copies will be made for handouts

Membership Signup – Suggestion/Comment Box, mailing list

Scheduling Help”

Set-up at 8:30 am – Meghan, Herb and Bob

10 am-1 pm – Bob *

1 pm-4 pm – Meghan *

Take down at 4 pm – Meghan, Herb and Bob

*Trish will fill in as needed

10. Upcoming events/meetings/training:

May 1st – SJ Spring Forestry Program in Clayton 6:30pm

May 17th – Pittsgrove Day

May 19th - EC meeting (one week early due to Memorial Day)

May 22nd – Free Integrated Pest Management training at Gloucester County College from 8:30-12:30 pm

11. Issues before the Planning Board – none discussed other than earlier cluster ordinance
12. Communications: none at this time
13. Member Comments:
 - Bob Morse – Bike path painting looks great
 - Kevin Garrison – Commented on more involvement needed by the community, and that we need more members to get the importance of environmental issues in the forefront at the township, particularly at the Planning Board. Just one or two of the EC members at the meetings and no other people from the public is not enough.
 - Herb Wegner – Kudos to Regina Shuster and Suzanne McCarthy of DVRPC for the great job of getting the Farmland Preservation Plan on the Township’s website.
14. Public Comments: Linda DuBois – Congrats to Herb Wegner on receiving the “Preservation Salem” Award at their April 27th dinner at the Centerton Country Club.
15. Meghan Hack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Tom Figlio seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.