

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission

Minutes for Meeting of June 25, 2007

1. The commissioner called meeting to order at 7:36pm.
2. Gave pledge to the flag.
3. Open Public Meetings Act
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, both of which were printed in the January 10, 2007 editions.
 - 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 –Regular members: Bob Morse, Meghan Hack, Herb Wegner, Tom Figlio, Kevin Garrison, Alternate member: Dave Hunt, and mayor: Pete Voros.
5. Bob Morse made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the May 29, 2007 meeting. Kevin Garrison seconded the motion. All approved.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Redevelopment Status: Nothing new to report
 - b. Ordinances –
 1. Cluster Ordinance clarification being reviewed by PB solicitor
 2. Conservation Design Ordinance discussions with ANJEC and DVRPC. Debby Turner-Fox and Herb Wegner had a telephone meeting with ANJEC about the direction our Township would take. Herb suggested we combine it with the best aspects of our cluster ordinance. The features are in draft form now and will be customized to meet our needs. Debby and Herb also had a phone conference with DVRPC to discuss the same issues. We have specifics, such as lot yield, in our current cluster ordinance that we don't want to lose in the development of the conservation Design ordinance. Discussion of lot yield and zoning ensued
 3. EIS- possible use of Pilesgrove Conservation Overlay in Pittsgrove. Bob Morse is working on this.
 - c. Build-out analysis contracted to Clarke, Caton, and Hintz. This will be done by the end of the calendar year.
 - d. Dennis Miranda's survey status: He has been here three times looking for the presence of threatened and endangered bird species. His report is due in August.
 - e. COAH discussion. Our plan was sent to the State; however, the standards are changing so we may need to revise it.
 - f. Open Space
 1. Farmland PIG Status:
 - a. Schroeder – fee simple 80 acre farm; closing still slated for June
 - b. Tamagni – Survey report in; we have 100% funding
 - c. Kibort – Reappraisal completed; we have 50% funding
 - d. Petronglo – Appraisal completed
 - e. Olbrich – On hold
 2. Green Acres and other Open Space
 - a. Renwick – Reappraisal to be done
 - b. Briar Hill – No action currently
 - c. Running Deer – Meeting held with Senator Sweeny and Green Acres. Pete Voros said he was there also. The contention of the owners is that the best use of

- the land is as a housing development. The situation is currently at a standstill.
- d. Danna Property – Owners considering GA offer. GA may have a reappraisal.
 - e. Centerton Lake – On hold

7. Report on area meetings: Water Quality Management Meeting on June 21st. Herb reported that it was interesting. It was about waste water management and sewer management. The nitrate dilution model was discussed. It is now at two parts per million.
8. New Business:
- a. MART: Herb wrote a letter to DEP asking for a public hearing for reducing air standards.
 - b. Bridges and Dams: Pete Voros reported that Rainbow Lake bridge and dam and Maurice River dam will be repaired within this calendar year. There will be a meeting about it held by DOT from 5-8 on Thursday, June 28. Willow Grove Lake dam/spillway/bridge update: road will be open the week of July 4th. The spillway will be fixed by Cumberland County. Salem County had already fixed the dam. The bridge will have a three ton limit. Rainbow lake dam will be the same as Malaga Lake's dam.
 - c. Summer Activities: We would like to clean up Rainbow Lake since it is drained right now.
 - d. Pete Voros reported that bids are out to create bike lanes on Porchtown Road and Buck Road.
 - e. ANJEC Support: Cheryl Reardon and Jim Sassi were in attendance. Cheryl reported that the Bayshore coalition is a group of 17 nonprofits that will hopefully be making a large positive impact on our area. Jim urged us to visit the ANJEC website for many resources. They extended their assistance with anything we need. Emails are: Anjec.cheryl@mindspring.com. Sassifam@comcast.net.
9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:
- a. C1 waterway designation public hearing is on Thursday, June 28th.
 - b. There will be a meeting about bridge/dam reconstruction held by DOT from 5-8 on Thursday, June 28 at the Pittsgrove Municipal Building.
10. Issues before the Planning Board: www.pittsgrovetownship.com has the minutes from the court hearing regarding a property that is undersized. The Township is urging residents to write to the judge about her decision.
11. Communications: none at this time
12. Member Comments:
- a. Tom Figlio suggested that we adopt a road. We will discuss which road is best at our next meeting. This would be a great activity to help get schools involved.
 - b. Herb has the Conservation Ordinance draft. He will send it to everyone over email to review.
 - c. Tom Figlio mentioned that we need to update the website with minutes and member list.
 - d. Dave Hunt mentioned that we should talk to people in Upper Pittsgrove to see what they are doing to stave off development. Herb reported that they have preserved over 7,000 acres of farmland (3x what we have here in Pittsgrove).
 - e. Bob Morse spoke not on behalf on the EC, but as a citizen, at the last Planning Board meeting about why we need to respect farmland buffers. Herb will get copies to the EC.
13. Public Comments:
- a. Sheryl reported that Hopewell Township's EC is running a tree contest for citizens to identify certain trees; i.e., largest of certain species. We could do this by advertising through the schools.
14. Bob Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Figlio seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.