

**Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2009
at the Municipal Building**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by acting Chair, Tom Figlio.
2. The pledge to the flag was given.
3. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was given as follows:
Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act was 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. Attendance: Present were members Kevin Garrison, Tom Figlio, Chic Jansky, and Trish Jankauskas.
5. The minutes of the December 22, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion by Kevin, seconded by Trish, and unanimous vote.
6. Unfinished Business
 - Ordinances
 - Cluster Ordinance – Our letter suggesting wording for paragraphs 60-97 A and C was reviewed by the Ordinance Review Subcommittee and forwarded to the Township Committee for action. On 1/13/09 the Township Committee agreed to forward new wording to the township solicitor to make official changes to the ordinances.
 - Conservation Design – Further work is on hold until the Planning Board is ready to incorporate COAH and Water Quality Management requirements.
 - 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 – Final comments were received from the State in early January and DVRPC will respond by the end of January. Hopefully the final plan can be presented to our Planning Board in February.
 - Alliance Heritage Center – awaiting outcome of Federation's grant request
 - PIG Status
 - Schroeder – Sale or auction scheduled for Spring 2009.
 - Kibort – Certification received – Federal Funding is being pursued. A draft agreement and deed of easement was sent to Patti Kibort's attorney for review.
 - Petronglo – No response to offer

Five New PIG applications have been received, and two more are expected.

Green Acres and other Open Space

Renwick – Renegotiations with owner on hold

Running Deer – Golf course sold at bankruptcy auction to Ron Jaworski (LJK Golf)

Danna Property – Preserved

KMRC (Clarke property) – Still in negotiations

Willow Grove Lake – Awaiting court decision. The engineering submittal is due in February, and then it will be sent to NJDEP for review and approval.

Road Cleanup – The next cleanup will be scheduled for March.

High School EC Chapter – Still hoping to resume efforts in 2009.

Giving away low energy bulbs at Pittsgrove Day is still a good idea.

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, if the community continues to grow as projected in the COAH analysis.

8. New Business:

Holiday and winter activities – Christina Frank will attend February or March meeting. 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. Probably better to do in March or later.

The 2009 Meeting Schedule has been sent to the newspapers.

Member Recruitment – We are still working on this.

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:

The Environment Commission has funding for training and travel for its members.

10. Issues before the Planning Board

Results of Planning Board reorganization - 1st Alt. Christine Seeney, 3rd Alt. Tom Hayes, 4th Alt. Deborah Shoemaker, Chair Person Greg Hickson, and Co-Chair Joe Lindmeier.

Briar Hill-Roughly 100 acres including two commercial parcels requiring further discussions,

two lots of open space have been eliminated, totaling 20 to 23 residences. There have been several site plans, but the result looks similar to the first plan. The goal is to cluster the houses and keep as much open space as possible. A traffic survey in July seems the proper time to do so. We might want to take another look at the site plans.

Status of Lee Transport is still unknown, thus the proposed EC letter to PB supporting Sally Birdsall's letter is on hold.

Pilesgrove Partners- We need to review their plans.

Joe Canal's request will be coming back.

11. Communications: None

12. Member Comments: None

13. Public Comments : Rich Senske, from Alloway commented on the logistics of Alloway Lake Dam including the mitigation of low lands and wetlands. He had concerns about the restoration and stabilization survey and who the environmental specialist was. Kevin and Tom recommended that he speak with Cheryl Reardon of CPR and the Pilesgrove Township Committee. It was also recommended that he look into information from ANJEC. Frank Ponti of the Salem County Watershed Task Force was mentioned as a good resource. Rich's email is rjsenske@comcast.net and his phone number is 856-935-9002.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm upon motion by Trish, seconded by Kevin, and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles J. Jansky
Acting Secretary