

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes
June 27, 2011

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tom Figlio at 7:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

A. The meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by

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

Attending the meeting was:

Tom Figlio, Kevin Garrison, Patricia Jankauskas, John Rapach, Chic Jansky, Stephanie Farley, Pete Voros (arrived 7:45PM), Ron Kaysen (arrived 7:50 PM), and Linda DuBois (arrived 8:15PM)

II. Minutes from the May 23, 2011 were reviewed and approved. Moved by Patricia J. and seconded by Chic J. All were in favor.

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Farmland Preservation
 - Tom F. no updates
- B. Green Acres/Open Space
 - Tom F. no update
- C. Willow Grove Lake Status
 - Tom F. referred an article from the Today's Sunbeam by Phil Dunn Published June 25, 2011.
- D. Centerton Lake Status
 - Tom F. no updates
- E. Report on area meetings, training and events
 - Tom F. no updates but Tom wanted to remind everyone that if there are any training/meetings that members are interested in to let him know
- F. T Shirt Update
 - Chic J. is still working on this matter. He is looking for better prices. He will continue to seek out price. Patricia J. suggested that maybe one of the vendors for the school district may have better pricing.
 - There was a suggestion from Kevin G. about paying for shirts ourselves
- G. Road Cleanup
 - Tom F. reported the May 28, 2011 clean up went well and that maybe another could be scheduled for sometime in August to meet the 4 times per year goal.
- H. NJ Clean Energy Block Grant
 - Tom F no updates
- I. Threatened and Endangered Species Ordinance
 - Tom F. reported that he contacted committee from Monmouth
 - Kevin G. asked if there has been any litigation and did we want to pursue. Tom stated he want to discuss with Bob or the Township Committee.

- Tom indicated that he would be speaking with Bob Widdifield
- J. Sustainable NJ Program
- Tom F. reported that this may need to be put on hold at this time until there staff is available from the Township.
 - Kevin G, Pete V. and Tom F. discussed funding and grants
 - Pete V. recommended that maybe Stephanie F. would be interested in working on the program
- K. Newspaper Articles for local papers
- Tom F. prepared an article regarding ozone dangers that Stephanie F. Will get typed up and emailed to Tom F. and Ron K.
- L. USANA
- Tom F. discussed the current status with the Planning Board. Another meeting will be held soon at the high school to allow for the public to attend and make comments. Last meeting held at the Township Building could not accommodate the amount of residents that attended. Tom F. indicated that he will keep the EC informed of meeting dates.
 - Pete V. also stated that the Planning Board may not be the last stop, can be appealed to higher courts
- M. Atlantic City Electric poles
- Tom F. referred to an article from the Today's Sunbeam by Phil Dunn published June 04, 2011

IV. Issues before the Planning Board

- A. Tom F. stated the only issue in front of the board is a side yard shelter built to close to the road. The hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2011. Chic J asked how large.
- B. Tom F. also reported that Briar Hill is still not ready but he has the plans if anyone wanted to take look.
- C. Linda D. commented that she didn't have any updates on USANA

V. New Business

- A. Tom F. presented and discussed an article by Christopher Baxter published on June 08, 2011 regarding Gov Christie's energy plans. Ron K , Tom F. and Chic J discussed details regarding Oyster Creek plant, tritium contamination and socio economic issues concerning nuclear plants.
- B. Kevin G., John R. and Ron K discussed current solar projects in the area, mainly the Upper Pittsgrove projects. It was stated that some projects have been approved while others have not.

VI. Correspondence

- A. Tom F. reported that he was in receipt of two publications from ANJEC. If anyone was interested you could see his copies or go online to the ANJEC website

VII. Member Comments

- A. Linda D. wanted to inform the EC that there have been talks of a possible large windmill farm being built in Upper Deerfield close to the Pittsgrove border. She didn't have any other info at this time.
- B. Ron K noted that he recently saw a program regarding Styrofoam recycling on the History Channel. He thinks this may be something the Township may want to look into.
- C. There was also discussion regarding a new type of non pervious paving asphalt being used in Philadelphia.

VII. Public Comments

- A. Ray Acevedo, from Husted Station Rd, Pittsgrove, made comments regarding the Atlantic City Electric poles project. He presented his concerns regarding the poles, the contamination associated with the project and the possible decrease in property value.

IX. Budget

- A. Tom F. reported that ANJEC dues have been paid.

X. Adjournment

- A. Patricia Jankauskas made a motion to adjourn the meeting 8:50 PM, seconded by Chic J. All were in favor.

Next meeting July 25, 2011