

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes of the Meeting of August 27, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 7:35 pm.
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 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, Tom Figlio, Kevin Garrison, Robert Morse and Herb Wegner.
5. The minutes of the July 23, 2007 meeting were amended as discussed by members, following which Bob Morse made a motion for approval, Kevin Garrison seconded the motion, and all approved.
6. Unfinished Business

Redevelopment Status – Plan Endorsement – Debby Turner-Fox gave a briefing on the Plan Endorsement process the township is now engaged in with the State Office of Smart Growth to gain approval of the proposed redevelopment in the rural-environmentally sensitive planning area along Landis and Gershel Avenues. The OSG thought our Master Plan and OSRP were good as was our use of ANJEC grants to develop our OSRP and other proposed ordinances; e.g., Conservation Design. OSG thought Pittsgrove was a good candidate because it was not already built out, and thus could benefit from various options for smart growth. The township needs to identify 3 to 5 objectives that it would like to attain in conjunction with the Smart Growth initiative. The Executive Director of OSG will meet with the township to further define tasks for the township, to be accomplished through a task force. Such tasks may include updating various documents, such as our Farmland Preservation Planning incentive Grant program. Input from public meetings, such as that from our September 27, 2005 meeting at the high school for our OSRP input will also be reviewed and used where applicable.

Ordinances

Cluster Ordinance clarification will go to Township Committee and then the Planning Board .

Conservation Design – Bob's input is to be included in our input to DVRPC

The EIS is to be sent to the PB with Bob's suggestions

Build-out analysis is still due in December

Habitat survey completed by Dennis – Final report due in September
Open Space

Farmland PIG Status

Schroeder – Auction slated for October/November

Tamagni – Closing papers in process

Kibort and Petronglo – awaiting SADC easement value

Green Acres and other Open Space

Renwick – Awaiting owner reply

Briar Hill – no action currently

Running Deer – A reduced easement offer is on the table

Danna Property – GA will acquire for park

Centerton Lake – New GA offer requires HOA repair dam

Rainbow Lake Cleanup - on hold

Willow Grove Lake – Judges decision of ownership to come out in October. No decision now on final disposition of lake.

Road Cleanup – Tom Figlio suggested Centerton Road from Olivet to Porchtown Road, Willow Grove Road from Buck Road to Holdcraft Road, and Lawrence Corner Road from Buck to McKishen. He will check with the township to determine which are available. Bob made a motion to approve those choices and Kevin seconded the motion. All approved.

Other - none

7. Report on area meetings/training: none

8. New Business:

Preservation Application: Bob Morse moved and Kevin Garrison seconded that the chairman write a letter to the township recommending an expanded PIG area, which will necessitate development of a farmland preservation plan.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:

MART hearing 7 pm on 9-18-07 in Vineland

10. Issues before the Planning Board – Bifulco Farms on Almond Road, and Lafarri subdivisions.

11. Communications - none

12. Member Comments - None

13. Public Comments – None

14. Bob Morse moved for adjournment, Tom Figlio seconded the motion, all agreed.