

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Minutes for Meeting of August 25, 2008
7:30 PM at the Municipal Building

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:33 pm.
2. The pledge to the Flag was given.
3. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read.
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. In attendance were Tom Figlio, Kevin Garrison, Trish Jankauskas, Bob Morse and Herb Wegner; and guest Megan Morse.
5. The minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion by Bob Morse, a second by Tom Figlio, and a unanimous vote with the following correction. In paragraph 6 rewrite the sentence under Cluster Ordinance to say, "We continue to believe that first wetlands, wetland transition areas, agricultural buffers, basins, and other infrastructure are subtracted out, and then the land is divided in half."
6. Unfinished Business
 - Ordinances
 - Cluster Ordinance – The EC sent a letter to the Planning Board recommending that the draft ordinance be greatly simplified. The PB has tabled further work on the ordinance while awaiting the input for the new water quality regulations. The need to keep agricultural buffers out of residential lots was raised again as a result of the creation of a residential lot occupying the entire buffer area in the recently approved Liccardello development on Porchtown Road.
 - Conservation Design – ANJEC may withdraw grant funding if we do not complete.
 - Build-out Analysis – The report was due in September; however, problems with the county GIS system may delay it further. The EC was in favor of getting the GIS system issue straightened out once and for all. Even if our build-out goes down to 30,000, that could have a great effect on the number a additional students we would have to accommodate by building additional school rooms.
- Open Space
 - The Farmland Preservation Plan comments from SADC were received on 8-18-08. Our contractor, DVRPC will be addressing those.
 - We are awaiting progress on the Alliance Heritage Center.
- PIG Status
 - Schroeder Farm – No further update on proposed fall auction.

Kibort Farm – New appraisal were expected by September 1st.
Petronglo Farm – No response to offer
Green Acres and other Open Space
Renwick – Renegotiations with owner on hold
Running Deer – Property to be auctioned on September 11th.
Danna Property – Farm being used by Cook. House on hold.
KMRC – Unresolved
Garrison Property – Some sold to a real estate firm.
Willow Grove Lake – No work underway.
Road Cleanup – To be scheduled for October at the September meeting.
Other – We still need new members

7. Report on area meetings/training/events

July 29th – GSPT Meeting – Probably no FY 2010 funding

July 30th – Herb attended the Conservation Meeting sponsored by NJCF in Goshen

August 19th – Herb Attended the Salem County Farmland Preservation Public Hearing and discussed the County's lack of making all of Pittsgrove a priority preservation area.

8. New Business:

We discussed the need for new members and how we might recruit some.

Herb reminded members to claim their volunteer award

We decided that we will try to attend next year's County Fair as a part of the County's Environmental Commission Booth.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:

Herb invited all to his bonfire on the 29th

10. Issues before the Planning Board

Heinle Property – To be scheduled.

11. Communications – Farmland Preservation Plan comments arrived from the State.

12. Member Comments: Bob Morse is interested in starting a Student Chapter of PTEC at A P. Schalick High School. He will contact the school after school starts.

Bob also discussed an issue with the recycle center, with the 175 to 300 gallon tanks for collecting used oil. Herb will first talk to Debbie Turner Fox.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Adjournment: Tom Figlio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Garrison seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chic Jansky
Recording Secretary