

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes  
August 22, 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, Chic Jansky, Stephanie Farley, and Ron Kaysen (arrived 7:50 PM)

II. Approval of minutes from July 25, 2011

- A motion was made by Kevin G., seconded by Patricia J. to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Farmland Preservation
  - Tom F. No updates
- B. Green Acres/Open Space
  - Tom F. presented an article published Aug 18, 2011 discussing Governor Christi approving legislation to fund open space preservation in New Jersey. Kevin G. asked if this were new funds or funds that were already allocated. Tom F. indicated that he is aware that it's for funds that were already spoken for.  
<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20110818/NJNEWS10/308170041/Christie-signs-open-space-land-preservation-bill-into-law-Princeton>
- C. Willow Grove Lake Status
  - Tom F. presented an article published on Aug 18, 2011 discussing Freeholders approving cost for repairs [http://www.nj.com/sunbeam-news/index.ssf/2011/08/salem\\_county\\_agrees\\_to\\_work\\_wi.html](http://www.nj.com/sunbeam-news/index.ssf/2011/08/salem_county_agrees_to_work_wi.html)
- D. Centerton Lake Status
  - Tom F. discussed recent flooding of all area lakes due to recent amounts of rainfall.
- E. Report on area meetings, training and events
  - Tom F. no updates
- F. Southern Pine Bark Beetle Informational Sessions
  - Tom F. and Patricia J. discussed their attendance to Rutgers informational session on the Southern Pine Bark Beetle. Tom F. distributed an informational handout provided at the session. Both reviewed the signs of infestation and possible effects locally and State wide.
- G. Road Cleanup
  - Tom F. last clean up was in July will schedule another clean up in a few months.

- H. NJ Clean Energy Block Grant
  - Tom F. indicated that funding for the program ceased in May.
- I. Threatened and Endangered Species Ordinance
  - Tom F. stated that he will be presenting info to board at the August meeting but doesn't see discussion happening until September meeting.
- J. Sustainable NJ Program
  - Tom F. indicated that he hasn't had any contact with the Township Administrator regarding this yet.
- K. Newspaper Articles for local papers
  - Ron K. Indicated that articles submitted were published. No published dates were available.
- L. Atlantic City Electric poles
  - Tom F. No updates
- M. Recycling Styrofoam
  - Tom F. stated the he spoke with the County and they informed him that per the cost estimates it would not be financially sound for the County. Ron K. stated of the possibility of a vendor in Philadelphia to consider. Ron K. will be looking into it.

#### IV. Issues before the Planning Board

- A. USANA
  - Tom F. indicated the meeting with the Planning board is scheduled for August 23, 2011 at AP Schalick High School due to the expected high attendance. He also asked for volunteers to assist at the meeting. Chic J. and Ron K. volunteered to assist.

#### V. New Business

- A. International Coastal Cleanup Day-September 17, 2011
  - Tom F. presented info regarding this event. It was discussed that this date didn't work for the EC but there should be discussion at the next meeting for a local cleaned up of a local lake or creek.
- B. Training
  - Stephanie F. presented information regarding the ANJEC 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ANJEC Environmental Congress on October 15, 2011. It was moved by Patricia J. and seconded by Ron K. for Stephanie F. to attend, all approved.

#### VI. Correspondence

- A. Tom F. no updates

#### VII. Member Comments

- A. Tom F. presented an article published by the Philadelphia Inquirer on August 22, 2011 regarding solar energy in New Jersey. [http://articles.philly.com/2011-08-22/news/29914841\\_1\\_solar-projects-solar-industry-solar-customers](http://articles.philly.com/2011-08-22/news/29914841_1_solar-projects-solar-industry-solar-customers)
- B. There was discussion with all meeting attendees regarding the recent flooding in Pittsgrove.

VIII. Public Comments

- A. No updates

IX. Budget

- A. No updates

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 8:50PM by Ron K. seconded by Patricia J. All approved

Next meeting September 26, 2011