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**Regular Meeting**  
**February 28, 2011**

Tom Figlio called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Flag Salute and Open Public Meetings Act Statement Notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act was given by: Advertising in the designed newspapers, posting on the events board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Municipal Clerk.

**Present:** Tom Figlio Chic Jansky Ron Kaysen,  
Kevin Garrison Stan Wojculewski Pete Voros,  
Debbie Turner-Fox, arrived 7:40

**Absent:**  
John Rapach  
Herb Wegner  
Trish Jankauskas

**Audience:**  
George Stull  
Billy Furdyna

Minutes for January 24, 2011:

The minutes for the January 24, 2011 were approved with a motion by Kevin Garrison and seconded by Chic Jansky.

Vote: All in favor

**Unfinished Business**

**Reorganization of Environmental Commission:**

As per the By-laws of the Environmental Commission any changes need to be brought up at a meeting and discussed and voted upon, and presented to the public. Then a final vote can be taken at the next meeting approving the change. The change will be passed along to the Township Committee for their approval.

The discussion of changing the by-laws to have the reorganization meeting held in January after the reorganization of the Township Committee Meeting is held. A motion was made by Ron Kaysen to change the by-laws. This was seconded by Kevin Garrison.

Vote:

Tom Figlio - yes Chic Jansky - yes

Kevin Garrison - yes Ron Kaysen - yes

**Meeting Dates:**

There are two dates that fall on days the Municipal building will be closed: April 25, 2011 and December 26, 2011.

A motion was made to have the April meeting on April 18, 2011 by Ron Kaysen and seconded by Chic Jansky.

Vote: All in Favor

A motion was made to have the December meeting on December 19, 2011 by Ron Kaysen and seconded by Chic Jansky.

Vote: All in favor

**Turtle Crossing Signs:**

The turtle crossing signs have come in. Debbie Turner Fox will let the Committee know when the signs are going up so the paper can be called and pictures can be arranged to be taken and an article can be written up.

**Farmland Preservation:** none

**Green Acres and other Open Space:** The Sadeghian property has been closed. Camp Farm should be closed in 30-60 days

Plan Presentation and Growth management will be getting land near Rainbow Lake.

**Centerton Lake:** Debbie reported they are still going ahead with the design conception approved from the DEP. They are asking Green Acres for their support.

**Willow Grove Lake:** Cumberland and Salem Counties are proceeding with the engineering designs.

**Suggestions regarding future projects interest etc:**

Someone suggested doing a Shredding event for the township. Tom is going to look into this. The Secretary will also call the local recycling place to see what they offer.

**Report on area meetings/training/events:** none

**T-shirts:** the Secretary found a company on the website, Customink.com. They will do as many or as few t-shirts as you want to order, and they have free shipping. She only got a price for a one color design, which was \$ 15.33 with an order of 10 shirts. Chic took the information and is going to contact them and get further information.

**Road Cleanup:** The last road clean up was 11/26/2010. It was decided to clean the road on March 26 at 8:00 am. Tom will e-mail everyone a reminder.

**NJ Clean Energy Block Grant:** 2010 grant is for \$ 20,000.00, Carrier is the state contractor. They did a walk through the Municipal building and the Bus Garage. They have decided to replace the incandescent light fixtures and the motion sensors, in the Bus Garage. The heating and air conditioner compressor will be replaced for the back hallway in the Municipal Building. The 2011 program will be \$ 50,000.00, which will convert the heating system from oil to natural gas.

**Free Trees from NJ Tree Foundation for public planting:** It was decided the Commission would help the Shade Tree Commission transplant trees and help plant the trees they get from the foundation since the tree received must be planted on public land.

**Threatened and Endangered Species Ordinance:** Tom informed the Commission that the Attorney from the Planning Board has been trying to get in touch with the Millstone Township Environmental Commission to find out if their resolution on threatened and endangered species has been challenged, since it states when the audits need to be done.

**Recycling batteries:** Tom couldn't find out much about who take batteries. He is still looking into this.

**Fires from CFL bulbs:** ANJEC had no information on the bulbs catching on fire. They referred Tom to Porch light. Their overall feelings are, they are safe. Tom will get in touch with Porch light for Pittsgrove Day.

**Guide to Conservation Incentive Programs pamphlet:** The Secretary printed up the Guide to Conservation incentives Programs and gave it out at the meeting.

**Recycling in schools:** Trish Jankauskas was not at the meeting. The Secretary said she would try to get in touch with Mr. Berman to find out if the school had a recycling program.

**EC blurbs on Township website:** Debbie Turner Fox has agreed to allow the Environmental Commission to put blurbs on the Pittsgrove homepage about different public environmental issues.

**Sustainable NJ Program:** Debbie Turner Fox has set up a Green Team for 1 year. She and Tom are heading the team. The Township Committee has passed a resolution to participate in this undertaking. The registration will be completed by Friday, March 4, 2011.

The first thing to do is form a Green Team. This should be comprised of some Environmental members and members from other board, like Shade Tree and Planning Board. Clean Communities might also want to get involved. The members are appointed by the Township Committee.

Debbie feels we do a lot of things already and with a little fine-tuning they will count towards points. Some of these times are:

- Energy Block Grant
- Farm land preservation
- Food production, buy local
- Board diversity
- Safe routes to schools. Seek funds to continue with a safe route from Olivet School to Holly Woods.
- Master Plan revision
- Natural resource inventory
- Open Spaces
- Recycling

Develop what you want done. State agencies can be consulted and might help us qualify for grants Awards are given at the end of September but you can work on it the whole year.

Debbie would like the Board to review the information she has gone over tonight and review it next month.

Public organizations which might want to get involved are the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and even church groups.

Someone mentioned that we really didn't need to have a separate meeting, just meet 15 minutes before this meeting and go over things.

The Secretary will e-mail everyone the pamphlet that Debbie has and highlight the things she went over.

**Articles for the Bridgeton Evening News:** Ron said the paper would be glad to put in articles we have. We could then put our web address and get the EC out in the public.

**Upcoming Events, Meeting, Training:**

- DEP is reviewing where sewer service is needed in Salem County. Our township is one that is being reviewing. The meeting is March 22 at the Ware Building.
- Atlantic City Electric is having a discussion at the Municipal Building tomorrow night from 4 to 7 about transmission lines in Pittsgrove and Upper Pittsgrove.
- Vernal Pond training classes has been changed.

**Issues before the Planning Board:** Briar Hill, a development on Route 40 has put in a New application for 23 houses, though the application is not complete.

**Open Space Plan update:** They have two vendors. The public meetings will include the Planning Board.

**Citizen complaint regarding Block 1503 lot 7.01, solar array:** Tom Figlio went out to the property with the DEP Representative to check out the problem the person had with a new fence going into a stream on their property. The representative decided there was no problem because the new fence was just replacing an existing fence.

**Environmental Commission Annual Report:** Tom is working on the annual report and will have it completed at the next meeting.

**Harborsite:** Pictures of Harborsite were given out in the packets. There are many images of large walls of tires. George Stull and Billy Furdyna are here to talk about the tire walls left at the Harborsite property. They want to know if there is anything the Environmental Commission can do to help.

George informed the board there is a wall of tires 280' long x 12' high x 15' wide. He is very concerned about the problem with mosquitoes, the possibility of the tires catching fire, what it's doing to the environment, what it's doing to the property values and who is going to clean it up.

The DEP had been notified and they have not done anything because they do not see it doing any damage to the environment and it is not encroaching on wet lands. The Mosquito Commission was out even before the site closed down. Harborsite was told all the tires needed to have holes put in them so the water would drain. This still has not been completed on all tires. The Department of Health will get involved if the Mosquito Commission says they need to.

George said New Jersey has no agency for overseeing shooting ranges. There are really no laws that are set up that supervise shooting ranges.

Billy Furdyna then got up to talk on the subject. She mentioned many of the same things George did. She's afraid of fires and of chemical from the shredded tires leaching into the ground, and into the small stream that runs into Palatine Lake. She also mentioned now there seems to be two large pits or sink holes on the property where water stands after it rains and this was never a problem before. She would also like to know if there is anything the Environmental Commission can help them with.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 on a motion by Kevin Garrison and seconded by Ron Kaysen.

Vote: All in favor