

**Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission  
Minutes for Meeting of July 28, 2008  
7:30 PM at the Municipal Building**

1. The Chairman, Herb Wegner, called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.
2. The pledge to the flag was given.
3. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was given.  
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. Members in attendance: Herb Wegner, Kevin Garrison, Tom Figlio, Bob Morse, Meghan Hack. Members of the public were Meghan Morse and Linda DuBois.
5. Bob Morse made a motion to approve of minutes as written for the June 23, 2008 meeting. Meghan Hack seconded the motion. All approved.

6. Unfinished Business  
Ordinances

Cluster Ordinance – The Planning Board solicitor has drafted a new Cluster Ordinance. The EC discussed the new draft. It seems more confusing than the original. It seems to allow wetlands, drainage basins, wetland transition areas, and agricultural buffers to be included in the 50% Open Space. The Township Committee had an ordinance review meeting and came to a consensus that these areas must be subtracted first and cannot be included in either lot yield or the 50% Open Space. Bob Morse suggested that we reiterate our concerns as soon as possible since the meeting is next week. Bob made a motion that the Chairman send a letter to the PB reiterating our concerns. Tom seconded the motion. All approved. We continue to believe that wetlands, wetland transition areas, agricultural buffers, basins, and other infrastructure are to be subtracted out first, then the land is divided in half. The remaining land becomes 50% Open Space and 50% for lots. In the end, more than 50% of the total lot is Preserved or Open Space. There is language in the ordinance that is an improvement, such as the clear statement that a farmland buffer stays a deed-restricted buffer whether the farm property stays a farm or becomes developed.

Conservation Design – Awaiting Cluster Adoption

Build-out Analysis – Township Committee approved it to begin and should be completed by September 2008.

Open Space

Farmland Preservation Plan still awaiting SADC comments.

Our Township Committee has passed a resolution supporting creation of the Alliance Heritage Center that will include preserved farms. Salem County Board of Public Freeholders also approved it as of July 16<sup>th</sup>.

PIG Status

Schroeder – Auction slated for Fall 2008

Kibort – New appraiser hired

Petronglo – No response to offer

Green Acres and other Open Space

Renwick – Talked to owner – wants large offer

Running Deer – Property to be auctioned on September 11, 2008. Green Acres is interested in purchasing the deed of easement. Meghan agreed to help make calls to non-profits to ask for money. She needed a list of the non-profits and accurate information to facilitate the call.

Danna Property – House may be used by new superintendant.

KMRC – Unresolved

Garrison Property – Some sold to a real estate firm.

Willow Grove Lake – Lower than ever

Road Cleanup – Conducted July 26<sup>th</sup>.

7. Report on area meetings/training/events: None at this time

8. New Business:

New Fast Track Bill was passed

Bob's Recommendation to Township Committee on Pesticide Free Zones was accepted.

He drafted a resolution to have IPM at Deer Pen Park. The draft leaves an opening for additions in the future.

Township has recognized volunteers again by offering \$25 to a choice of one of three businesses: Centerton Country Club, Garden Road Greenhouse, and Centerton Inn.

Bob mentioned that it would be great to have a student ambassador from Schalick attend meetings. Bob's daughter, Meghan, is willing to help be a leader with this initiative. Linda said that she will contact Yvette who will call Bob. Bob will help initiate this endeavor. It could also spawn some more members joining the commission.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:

July 29 – first Garden State Preservation Trust Meeting since January 29<sup>th</sup>.

July 30 – New Jersey Conservation Foundation Meeting in Goshen 9am-1pm

10. Issues before the Planning Board

Heinle Property – Delayed from July 16

Licardello Property – Passed completeness; going to technical review next

Draft Cluster Ordinance to be discussed on August 5<sup>th</sup>

Bob Morse has site plans for a few potential developments

11. Communications – none at this time

12. Member Comments - none at this time

13. Public Comments- none at this time

14. Bob Morse moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Tom Figlio seconded the motion. All approved.