

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes
July 25, 2011

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tom Figlio at 7:31 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, John Rapach, Chic Jansky, Stephanie Farley, Herb Wagner and Ron Kaysen (arrived 7:45 PM)

II. Approval of minutes from June 27, 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

- Herb W. stated that the four farms have sent their applications in for review. He indicated that an update may be available in the next month or so. Herb W. reminded that the farms are, Schmidt Farm, Lynn Farm, Saunders Farm, and Herb W. farm

B. Green Acres/Open Space

- Herb W. stated that there are multiple properties being considered for Green Acres, Porchtown Road near Fork Bridge Road is Block 401 Lot 3 (152 Acres). The Nature Conservancy owns 401/4 which is 600+ acres. The Natural Lands Trust owns lot 32, which is 36 acres

C. Willow Grove Lake Status

- Tom F. no updates

D. Centerton Lake Status

- Tom F. no updates

E. Report on area meetings, training and events

- Tom F. no updates

F. Southern Pine Bark Beetle Informational Sessions

- Tom F. presented information on the a local session being held on this topic, Gloucester County
 Tuesday July 26 7:00 p.m. (presentation)
 Thursday July 28 6:30 p.m. (field tour)
 Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County
 County Government Services Building
 1200 North Delsea Drive, Clayton
 Jerry Frecon (856) 307-6450

G. T Shirt Update

- It was decided to close the subject and that if anyone wanted to purchase a t-

shirt on their own to see Chic J., otherwise the matter is now closed.

- H. Road Cleanup; 7/30/2011
 - Tom F. reminded the EC the next road clean up will be this coming Saturday July 30, 2011 starting around 7:00 AM.
- I. NJ Clean Energy Block Grant
 - Tom F. stated that no monies have been distributed and he will continue to follow up on the matter.
- J. Threatened and Endangered Species Ordinance
 - Tom F. stated that he will be presenting to the Planning Board at the September 2011 meeting on this subject. Kevin G. questioned if there was any reliable information from Millstone. Tom F. indicated that lawsuits that were filed have been withdrawn.
- K. Sustainable NJ Program
 - Tom F. stated that he spoke with Mayor Linda DuBois on the subject and she informed him that a Township Administrator had been hired and will take on the task.
- L. Newspaper Articles for local papers
 - Tom F. mentioned that the Ozone article had been submitted to multiple papers in the area but as of the meeting it had not been published.
- M. USANA
 - Tom F. stated that a meeting on August 23, 2011 will be taking place at A.P. Schalick High School at 6PM.
- N. Atlantic City Electric poles
 - Tom F. had no updates on this subject.

IV. Issues before the Planning Board

- Tom F stated other than USANA meeting on August 23, 2011 there are no other updates, including Briar Hill.

V. New Business

- A. Wind turbines
 - Tom F. referred and reviewed an article published in The Press of Atlantic City on June 19, 2011 by Thomas Barlas.
- B. Recycling Styrofoam
 - Ron K. brought information regarding this program. He is waiting for more, as he receives the info he will forward to the EC members.

VI. Correspondence

- Tom F. no comments

VII. Member Comments

- Chic J. referred to an article published in the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding deforestation in Haiti and the effects on the air quality
- Tom F. referred to an article published in the Philadelphia Inquirer July 22, 2011 by Sandy Bauers regarding a study on greenhouse gases and tress.

VIII. Public Comments

- Brian Berwick of 84 Harris Rd, Pittsgrove wanted to bring attention of a flooding problem on his property and that of his neighbor at 90 Harris Rd, Pittsgrove. The residents indicated that with heavy rainstorms their yards flood. Herb W. discussed how his property near and he is experiencing the same problems. Herb mentioned that it's due

to poor culvert/ditch design. The EC recommended the residents bring this to the attention of the Township Committee at their next meeting.

- Ray Acevdo of Husted Station Rd, Pittsgrove commented on the wind turbine and the possible effects on migratory birds

IX. Budget

- Tom F. reviewed the budget and stated that we have money available in the budget.

X. Adjournment

- At 8:20 PM a move was made by Patricia J. to close the meeting and was seconded by John R. All were in favor.

Next meeting August 22, 2011