



PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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 John Rapach Chic Jansky, arrived 7:39
Kevin Garrison Trish Jankauskas Herb Wegner, left 8:45
Pete Voros, arrived 7:37, left 8:45

Absent:
Ron Kaysen

Audience:
Kim Hetzell
Stephanie Reynolds

Minutes for February 28, 2011:

The minutes for the February 28, 2011 were approved with a motion by Kevin Garrison and seconded by John Rapach.

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 changes to the by-laws were brought up at the last meeting. Now a final vote can be taken and sent to the Township Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Trish Jankauskas to change the by-laws to hold the reorganization meeting in January. This motion was seconded by John Rapach.

Vote:

Tom Figlio - yes John Rapach - yes
Kevin Garrison – yes Chic Jansky - yes
Trish Jankauskas – yes

A letter will be sent to the Township Committee asking them to approve this change and to also approve the following changes in appointed terms:

Regular Members		Term
Tom Figlio, Chairperson	3 year unex. term	05/29/2010-12/31/2013
Charles Jansky	3 year term	08/25/2010-12/31/2012
Kevin Garrison, Vice Chairperson	3 year term	04/27/2010-12/31/2013
John Rapach, Jr.	3 yr unex. Term	08/25/2010-12/31/2012
Patricia Jankauskas	3 yr unex.term	04/14/2009-12/31/2011
Alternate Members		
#1, Ron Kaysen	2 year unex. Term	08/25/2010-12/31/2011
#2, Herbert Wegner	2 year unex. Term	08/25/2010-12/31/2011
Associate Members		
Meghan Hack		
Stephanie Reynolds		
Kim Hetzell		

Along with the letter a copy of the changes in the by-laws will also be sent.

Turtle Crossing Signs:

Commission will be notified when the plans are made to put up signs.

Farmland Preservation:

On February 24, 2011, the following farms made closing for farmland preservation:
Sadeghian, Camp and Lenchitz Farms.
The Saraand Goren Farm should be closing next month.

The following farms are getting two appraisals: Schmidt, Sauder, Lynch, Wegner, Simmerman and Walters.

Green Acres and other Open Space: No money available

Centerton Lake: Nothing new

Willow Grove Lake: Nothing new

Suggestions regarding future projects interest etc:

Tom Figlio looked into the cost of having a shredding event for the township. It would cost \$ 175.00 per hour. Everyone felt since the county holds this event, it is not cost efficient for the township to do it also. The county's next shredding event is November 12, 2011.

Report on area meetings/training/events:

A few of the members attended DEP meeting on sewer service held on March 22. They said it was very interesting and the DEP knew where the sewers really needed to be.

Atlantic City Electric had a meeting at the Municipal Building on February 25, 2011. New poles will be put up going down the old railroad tracks.

T-shirts: Chic is still working on getting prices.

Road Cleanup: Tom would like to have the next road clean up on Earth Day, April 23, 2011. He is having the Secretary send out letters to the people who have adopted roads in the township asking them to also participate on April 23.

NJ Clean Energy Block Grant: None

Free Trees from NJ Tree Foundation for public planting: Tom has not heard anything about the transplanting of the trees at Green Branch Park.

Threatened and Endangered Species Ordinance: Tom is still trying to contact someone on the Environmental Commission at Millstone Township about their Ordinance 10-12, Threatened and Endangered Species. He is thinking about contacting someone on their Planning Board to see if they can help him speak to someone on the Environmental Commission.

Recycling in schools: Trish Jankauskas contacted Mr. Berman, there is a recycling program in place for the school system.

Trish also asked if the School Board has looked into solar energy. Mr. Berman said they have looked into it, but have no plans on putting anything into place at this time.

EC blurbs on Township website: Tom said blurbs have been started on the web site. If anyone has any idea, please let him know.

Kevin Garrison thought it would be a good idea if Chic could put a picture of the month on the web site. A nice picture of nature. Everyone agreed it sounded like a good idea.

Sustainable NJ Program: Tom said he felt the Sustainable NJ Program is a great idea but it would take a lot of time and work. He feels the primary contact person should be a township employee, since the former Township Administrator had been originally approved by resolution for that function. Tom is going to talk to the Mayor about this.

Articles for the Bridgeton Evening News: Tom has articles from ANJEC, they need some fixing. They are seasonal and for occasional placement in the paper. He is going to send an e-mail to the Salem Sunbeam to see if they would be interested in posting these seasonal articles. The Secretary is going to send an e-mail to the Elmer Times to see if they are interested.

Harborsite: People are still shooting, but no automatic weapons are being shot.

Pittsgrove Day:

- Need to set up in a better location,(near food),
- Pamphlets from last year
- Porchlight, they are now located in Caldwell. Tom will contact them to see if they can UPS the bulbs; 50 bulbs.
- Display Board, Things from ANJEC on the display board
- Composters from the County, get 5 this time
- Some people who might be interested in coming to put on presentation:
 1. Bird guy
 2. Audubon Society
 3. Bridgeton Zoo
 4. Fish Tank
 5. Paul Taylor
 6. Game Warden, Scott Richards

ANJEC: Some of the ANJEC meetings cost extra money and they are meetings some of the Environmental members would like to attend. It is only \$60.00 for all the meetings and for all the members to go. A motion was made by Kevin Garrison and seconded by John Rapach to pay the extra \$60.00 so anyone can go to these meetings.

Vote: All in favor

Environmental Commission Annual Report: Tom completed the Annual Report and the Commission reviewed it. Everyone thought it looked good. It will be given to the Township Committee.

Upcoming Events, Meeting, Training:

Issues before the Planning Board: Briar Hill; Tom has the site plan if anyone wants to look it over. He just needs to know who has it in case he needs it.

Earth Day: Tom is putting out a letter to all the participants of the Adopt-a-Road program asking that they do their sections of their roads on April 23, 2011.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 on a motion by Trish Jankauskas and seconded by John Rapach.

Vote: All in favor

Sandra M. Comparri
Secretary