

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission

Minutes for Meeting of May 29, 2007

1. The commissioner called meeting to order at 7:36pm.
2. Gave pledge to the flag.
3. Open Public Meetings Act

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting by:

 - a. Forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and the Daily Journal, both of which were printed in the January 10, 2007 editions.
 - 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. Attendance –Trish Jankauskas, Bob Morse, Meghan Hack, Herb Wegner, Tom Figlio, Dave Hunt, Kevin Garrison, and Linda DuBois
5. Tom Figlio made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the April 23, 2007 meeting. Trish Jankauskas seconded the motion. All approved.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Election of Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer–Robert Morse was nominated and re-elected for Vice Chairman, Meghan Hack was nominated and re-elected as secretary. Trish Jankauskas was nominated and elected as our Treasurer.
 - b. Discussion of EC's Pittsgrove Day: We were disappointed that Stephen Serwatka (Bird Naturalist) didn't show up. Suggestion: Need a few more people for take down. Stamp contest was a success. It was a great school/township connection.
 - c. Redevelopment Status- Nothing new to report.
 - d. Ordinances –
 1. Cluster Ordinance clarification reviewed by Township's Ordinance Review Subcommittee
 2. Conservation Design Ordinance on hold. Quarterly Report forwarded to ANJEC. ANJEC is not pleased that we are at a stand-still. Herb suggested that we blend our current cluster ordinance with Conservation Design. Discussion about COAH ensued.
 3. EIS- possible use of Piles Grove Conservation Overlay in Pittsgrove. Bob suggested that we use the barred owl projection call as a way to survey for that species.
 4. Build-out analysis contracted to Clarke, Caton, and Hintz. It is projected to be completed by December. It will give the Township an informed view of what our future
 5. Dennis' survey: he was here last Friday and will come for two more surveys of the Township's wildlife.
 - e. Open Space
 1. Farmland PIG Status: The State is pulling money for everything other than Schroeder and Tamagni. Now non profits need to be solicited.
 - a. Schroeder – Closing now slated for June
 - b. Tamagni – Survey Report due end of May
 - c. Kibort – Reappraisal being conducted
 - d. Petronglo – Appraisal being conducted

- e. Olbrich – On hold
- 2. Green Acres and other Open Space
 - a. Renwick – Reappraisal to be done
 - b. Briar Hill – No action currently
 - c. Running Deer – Meeting held with Sweeny and GA
 - d. Danna Property – Owners considering GA offer
 - e. Centerton Lake – State concerned about dam repair

7. Report on area meetings:

- a. Herb attended a Smart Growth Meeting
- b. Tom went to a Woodland Health Meeting at Clayton. He learned about many detrimental things that can happen to our forests.

8. New Business:

- a. Ideas for New Initiatives:
 - 1. Meghan suggested that we work with the high school and any one else interested to create an outdoor classroom. A great location might be the gravel pit that the Township owns at Alvine and Porchtown.
 - 2. Meghan suggested that all major arteries have bike lanes. The County is working on this with installments. The projected date for Almond Road was 2005. Bob Morse suggested that we link places like Centerton Golf Course, Parvin, Green Branch). Herb suggested that we find out properties that connect so that we could acquire and construct them. Kevin suggested that there are people on Porchtown and Upper Neck that may be interested in donating some land.
 - 3. Trish suggested that we initiate the construction of a dog park. Kevin suggested that possibly Animal Groups might donate money for the cause.
- b. Ideas for summer activities: Bob suggested that we get involved in a Rainbow Lake clean-up. We need to get permission from WMA and advertise for help.
- c. Linda suggested that there will be money in the Natural Resource Conservation Service (Mona Peterson) side out of Woodstown FSA office; perhaps we can use it somehow to help get this moving. This organization is in the WARE building.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training: May 31st - ?

10. Issues before the Planning Board: Nothing to Report at this time. The May 16th meeting was cancelled. June 6th is the next meeting. Bob suggested that we read the minutes even when we can't attend the meetings.

11. Communications: none at this time

12. Member Comments:

- a. Kevin brought up a question about what we think the impact will be on us regarding the river towns trying to push out development. Discussion ensued.
- b. Bob Morse asked why farmers don't all want to preserve. Linda pointed out that it has a lot to do with the fact that some people don't have family that want to continue the tradition. Those that do tend to want to preserve.
- c. Trish asked that someone scan the pictures that won the stamp contest. Meghan volunteered.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Bob Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Figlio seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.