

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission

Minutes for Meeting of May 18, 2009

1. The meeting called to order by Chairman Herb Wegner 8:35pm.
2. Present: Herb Wegner, Trish Jankauskas, Kevin Garrison, Chic Jansky and new member, John Raypatch, Alternate #2.
3. The minutes of the meeting of 4-27-09 were approved as written upon a motion by Trish Jankauskas, seconded by Kevin Garrison, and a unanimous vote
4. Pittsgrove Day very successful. We discussed the need to redesign the display and update the brochure. We also need more people to help.
5. Ordinances:
 - Cluster Ordinance – Words will now be in the ordinance to provide open agricultural buffers. Herb will review the draft prior to its adoption.
 - Build-out Analysis – Is nearing completion by Clarke, Caton and Hintz.
 - Willow Grove Lake – We are still awaiting a final decision on responsibility for repairs which may involve the Nature Conservancy.
6. Drawing at Pittsgrove Day - 78 names were entered.
 - 1st prize was won by Judy Cellmer for the “Rain Barrel”.
 - 2nd prize was won by Roseanne Berggren for the “Composter”.
7. Discussed was the proposal by Harbor Site USANA, LLC (Harbor Site), a group from Virginia Beach who are in the process of buying the USANA facility near Elmer. The group plans to dig two ponds, 100’ to 150’ deep for a training facility for Navy Seals and deep water rescue and salvage.
8. Present at the meeting were representatives of a local group of citizens who are concerned about the proposed USANA-Harbor Site facility. Messer’s George Stull and Robert Mesmer both gave their comments on the matter. George Stull presented a professional, laminated drawing to scale showing a 21 acre 100’ to 150 deep pond, and an 11 acre 100’ deep pond. This site borders the Palatine Branch of the Muddy Run. There is a concern that a 300’ buffer should be required; however, only a 150’ buffer is proposed. We discussed the need to inform our local legislators and congressman of our concerns. We need to inform ANJEC and DEP of our concerns regarding the environmental impact. Helpful tools are Google Earth, Birds eye view, and I Map, plus the DEP Hot Line.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm upon a motion by Kevin Garrison, seconded by Trish Jankauskas and unanimous approval
10. The next meeting will be June 22, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Charles J. Jansky, Secretary