

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
May 23, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tom Figlio at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
2. The meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by
 - A. Forwarding a notice to Today's Sunbeam, The Daily Journal and the Elmer Times
 - B. Posting a notice on the community events bulletin board at the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building
 - C. Filing a notice in the office of the Township Clerk
3. Members present were Trish Jankauskas, Chic Jansky (Acting Secretary), Herb Wegner, and Ron Kaysen. In the absence of members Kevin Garrison and John Rapach, Herb Wagner and Ron Kaysen were approved to vote. Township Committee members Stan Wojculewski and Pete Voros were present.
4. April 18, 2011 minutes were approved as moved by Herb Wegner and seconded by Trish Jankauskas. All were in favor.
5. Under "Farmland Preservation Updates," Herb Wegner reported that four farms were still in process.
6. Under "Green Acres/Open Space Updates," Herb Wegner reported that no monies are currently available.
7. Under "Willow Lake Status," Tom Figlio reported that after plans are drafted and approved by the DEP, the repair and remedial phase of the dam will begin. The trial is currently scheduled for November 7, 2011 before Judge McDonnell in Gloucester County.
8. Under "Centerton Lake Status," Pete Voros reported the homeowners association is trying to repair the lake and dam with the hope that Green Acres will be interested in purchasing.
9. Under "Report on area meetings, training and events," Herb Wegner and Chic Jansky discussed the recent ANJEC seminar on solar panel installations.
10. Under "T-Shirt Update," Chic Jansky was asked to gather information and costs for t-shirts made from recycled materials.
11. Under "Road Cleanup," Tom Figlio and Chic Jansky agreed to clean on May 28, 2011.
12. Under "New Jersey Clean Energy Block Grants," Stan Wojculewski reported that no decision had been received regarding the approval for funds.
13. Under "Threatened and Endanger Species Ordinance," Tom Figlio stated that the Millstone Township example would be submitted to Planning Board.
14. Under "Sustainable NJ Program," Tom Figlio reported that EC involvement is on hold while a permanent Township Administrator is hired to assist.
15. Under "Newspaper articles for local papers," Tom Figlio will re-writing an ANJEC article for publication in local newspapers.

16. Under "USANA," Tom Figlio reported that an application would be submitted for the Planning Board review in the near future.

17. Under "Pittsgrove Day Recap," all members felt the RC booth was a success. The additions of "Birdman" Steve Serwatka and Paul Taylor from Parvin State Park drew people to the booth where informational handouts, free CFL bulbs and composters for purchase were available.

18. Under "Atlantic City Electric poles," discussion was held until the "Public Comments" portion.

19. Under "Issues before the Planning Board," Tom Figlio reported that the Briar Hill subdivision was still considered incomplete. He stated the plans were available for review of interested EC members.

20. Under "New Business," nothing was reported.

21. Under "Correspondence," nothing was reported.

22. Under "Member Comments," Tom Figlio stated that five applications were received for the part time EC secretary position. He asked if EC members wanted to take part in the interview process. By unanimous vote he was charged to interview and make the choice himself. Moved by Trish Jankauskas, seconded by Ron Kaysen.

23. Under "Public Comments," Ray Acevedo supplied copies of a three part report regarding the Atlantic City Electric pole situation for EC members. He believes that the electric lines in question should be buried and that the rail bed where new poles are proposed to go should remain undisturbed. He feels the taller replacement poles will devalue the home about 20%. He is concerned that the township will not receive equitable benefit from the ACE plan.

Dr. Fiore Copare spoke about the high levels of contamination that would occur if the plan is implemented. He believes the Bureau of Public Utilities should know how many new electric lines are planned to go through Pittsgrove Township. He feels that wetlands will be adversely affected and property values will be decreased.

Herb Wagner stated that Pittsgrove Township is considered 96% environmentally sensitive.

24. Under "Budget," nothing was reported.

25. On motion by Trish Jankauskas and seconded by Ron Kaysen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.