

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes for Meeting of September 24, 2007

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:37.
2. Members gave pledge to the flag.
3. Open Public Meetings Act Statement was given:
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 – Members in attendance: Herb Wegner, Meghan Hack, Kevin Garrison, Bob Morse, Tom Figlio, Trish Jankauskus. Also in attendance: Linda DuBois.
5. Meghan Hack made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2007 meeting. Bob Morse seconded the motion. All approved.
6. Unfinished Business
 - Redevelopment Status – Plan presented by Jim Shuster at the 9-19-07 PB meeting. Sally Birdsall and Bill Horner will work on a resolution to address their concerns. Ag Smart growth plan and the state smart growth plan are intertwined. Now is the time to try to tie preservation efforts together with the redevelopment plan.

Cluster Ordinance clarification awaiting PB review.

Conservation Design – Input sent to DVRPC. There are some great aspects of conservation design, and some which are debatable. ANJEC has extended the time frame for us so that Pittsgrove can choose the aspects of it that work best for us.

EIS to be expanded per Bob's suggestions-sent to the DVRPC

Build-out analysis due in December

Habitat survey completed by Dennis – Final report expected late soon-maybe mid-December

Open Space

Farmland PIG Status

Schroeder – Auction slated for October/November

Tamagni –title and survey are finished; closing papers ready to go to State

Kibort and Petronglo – awaiting SADC easement value

Green Acres and other Open Space

Renwick – Awaiting owner reply

Briar Hill – no action currently

Running Deer – GA is working on offer

Danna Property – GA will purchase! The property is 30 acres and does include the house. Herb drafted a letter to perhaps get permission to use that house as a Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee office. Volunteers on this committee do a lot of work to make the park the awesome place that it is.

Centerton Lake – New GA offer; spillway must be brought up to all regulations by homeowners, but then the State will buy the property and will take the maintenance over.

Willow Grove Lake - final status undecided as of now. We are waiting a judge's decision still about who is ultimately responsible: Nature Conservancy, Cumberland County, and/or Salem County.

Road Cleanup- 553 between Porchtown Road and Upper Neck Road is now the EC road. We will pick dates at our next meeting.

7. Report on area meetings/training.

MART hearing: Bob Morse and Herb Wegner both testified. Township Committee is voting on a resolution tomorrow night. DEP is still taking testimony.

8. New Business:

New Farmland PIG Application: We have approached DVRPC and Morris Land Conservancy. DVRPC has a lot of our information already because of Conservation Design. It would take into account 6 or so farms around Brotmanville and Norma that have applied for and been denied grants in the past, as well as farms around Joe Parvin farm.

Need Agriculture Advisory Committee Members

Need EC Associate Members: Meghan emailed one woman who expressed interest at Pittsgrove Day. We could advertise in the newsletter and on the Township website

Make it Your Own Grant: Meghan applied to possibly make an outdoor classroom in the Township (gravel pit property at Alvine and Porchtown)

Economic Development Committee has been in communication with the EC to get digital copies of the stamps that won the contest last year at Pittsgrove Day.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:
 - September 29th – Streams Workshop
 - September 29th: Unity Park opens on Henry Avenue in Brotmanville 11-3
10. Issues before the Planning Board
 - Bridlewood Estates: Committee revised letter together. Bob Morse made a motion to approve the letter to be sent as revised. Kevin Garrison seconded the motion. All approved.
 - Lavari subdivision – farmland buffer in question on Issacs Avenue.
11. Communications: none at this time
12. Member Comments: none at this time
13. Public Comments: none at this time
14. Bob Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Figlio seconded the motion. All approved.