

**Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2008
at the Municipal Building at 7:30 pm**

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
2. The pledge to the flag was given.
3. The Chairman gave Open Public Meetings Act Statement
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,
 - 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. Members in attendance were Tom Figlio, Kevin Garrison, Meghan Hack, Bob Morse and Herb Wegner. Mayor Pete Voros and Sue Voros also attended.
5. Minutes: Tom Figlio noted that "Planning" is missing the "1" and there are quotes by the ordinance title that need to be omitted. Bob Morse made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting as corrected. Meghan Hack seconded the motion. All approved.
6. Unfinished Business
Redevelopment Status – Bob reported that the Brownfield application needed to be submitted that week. The public meeting on March 19 was attended by many citizens. Bob mentioned that one of the citizens who lives across the street from the asphalt plant mentioned he may be interested in preserving his farm. Herb will follow up with him.
Ordinances:
Cluster Ordinance – The Planning Board still to discuss. The language needs to be revised to be more specific in its intent. It should not be open to analysis and question. It needs to be definitive and easily understood.
Conservation Design – ANJEC is questioning DVRPC and us if we want their \$10,000 to develop an ordinance. We need to straighten out our cluster ordinance first so that they work together seamlessly. We can then fit parts of the Conservation Design Ordinance into Pittsgrove's Master Plan.
Build-out analysis – Completion has been moved to September 2008 so that it aligns with the preparation for the 2010 census.
Open Space
Farmland PIG Status
Schroeder – Auction is slated for Fall 2008
Tamagni – Preserved
Kibort awaiting SADC easement value
Petronglo – Awaiting response to offer
Green Acres and other Open Space

Renwick – Debby Turner-Fox is working on this. We are waiting for an agreement with owner
Briar Hill – no action currently
Running Deer – Pete Voros reported that they will be meeting with the Governor this week
Danna Property – Closing is complete; the 22 acres next to it is now looking into preservation as well
KMRC (alongside Running Deer) – Negotiating contract
Centerton Lake – on hold
Willow Grove Lake – It is still tied up with the three parties negotiating what they will pay. The water level is still down.
Road Cleanup – Accomplished on the 2nd of February by Meghan, Tim, Herb, Kevin, Bob, and Tom.

7. Report on area meetings/training.

February 27th- Herb gave a presentation of Farmland Preservation Plan to SCADB
March 4th Presentation of Farmland Preservation Plan to Planning Board
March 6th Herb attended SJLWT Banquet at Auletto's

8. New Business:

Brochure: Herb is getting the margins aligned. We need to get working on it to have it available for Pittsgrove Day.

New Farmland PIG Application – awaiting comments from the State.

Pittsgrove Day Plans

Ideas for displays: Meghan will bring the bird, reptile, and recycling boards. New displays: suggestion/concern box

Banner- Meghan called six local businesses to get prices. Parrish Signs is the least expensive at \$65. Tom Figlio made a motion that we order the \$65 banner from Parrish sign company. Bob Morse seconded the motion. All approved.

Handouts – Tom will contact NJDEP for literature.

Tom Figlio made a motion that we contact Steve S, the bird man, to give his presentation at our booth on Pittsgrove Day for a cost of \$250. Bob Morse seconded the motion. All approved. Meghan will contact Steve S. to arrange for his participation.

Membership Signup – We need a sign up sheet for new members with info to pass out!

Scheduling Help”

Set-up at 8:30 am – Meghan and Herb

Need volunteers for shifts (10 am to 1 pm) and (1 pm to 4 pm)

Take down at 4 pm – Meghan and Herb

GA interested in Ivan Garrison property that is up for auction on April 11th. Herb has spoken to nonprofit organizations. GA is interested in the portion behind the bank to the high school property. In total, that portion is almost 100 acres. The Estate will auction off a total of six properties separately. The problem is that Green Acres cannot bid at an auction. Non-profits can bid on it and then possibly flip it to Green Acres. It is going to be tricky to get it to work.

Pete Voros mentioned that two scenarios with preserved land have presented themselves in NJ. In North Jersey, preserved land was purchased, clear cut, and covered with greenhouses. Another preserved farm became a pig farm. Pete asked if there was anything that Pittsgrove could do to prevent this. Herb responded that it could be prevented with local ordinances. Pittsgrove does not have these ordinances at this time. Herb suggested that we ask Sally Birdsall for help with this.

Bob Morse reported that the Recreation Committee deferred to the Township Committee on the Integrated Pest Management Plan.

9. Upcoming events/meetings/training:

- April 2nd – 7 pm; Curt Gellerman to speak at Upper Deerfield EC meeting about GA grant money
- April 4th – Computer training on SJ Bayshore Inventory at Rowan Univ. 2:15 – 5:15 pm
- April 11th – Auction of Ivan Garrison property
- April 12th – Valero and SJLWT will be labeling storm drains and dispersing information citizens via door hangers
- May 6th – Farmland Preservation Plan Public Hearing at the Planning Board meeting
- May 17th – Pittsgrove Day
- May 19th - EC meeting (one week early due to Memorial Day)
- May 22nd – Free Integrated Pest Management training at Gloucester County College from 8:30-12:30 pm

10. Issues before the Planning Board

Bridlewood Estates technical hearing was held on March 18th. They added land to meet open space requirement. The proposal is now 42 homes.

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 at 8:37. Tom Figlio seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.