

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order by Herb Wegner, Chairman, at 7:30 pm.
2. The pledge to the flag was given.
3. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was given by the chairman.
Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act was given of this meeting by:
 - a. Forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam, the Daily Journal and the Elmer Times,
 - 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 Kevin Garrison, Trish Jankauskas, Chic Jansky, and Herb Wegner
5. The minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting were approved upon motion by Trish Jankauskas, seconded by Kevin Garrison, and a unanimous vote.
6. Election of Vice Chairman and Secretary:
Upon a motion by Trish Jankauskas, seconded by Chic Jansky, and unanimous approval, Kevin Garrison was elected to the position of Vice Chairman.
Upon a motion by Trish Jankauskas, seconded by Kevin Garrison, followed by a unanimous vote, Chic Jansky was elected to the position of Secretary.
7. Unfinished Business – The following were briefly discussed.
Ordinances
Cluster Ordinance – The Planning Board has agreed that agricultural buffers will continue to be excluded from lot yield, along with drainage basins, wetlands and wetland transition areas. The Board decided to make agriculture buffers part of the permanent open space, which should ensure that no portion of lots, drainage basins or other infrastructure will reside in the buffers. The Planning Board recommendations will be sent back to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee for review before final adoption by the full Township Committee.
Conservation Design – The Township will suspend further action on the CDO until there is a future decision to resume work.
Build-out Analysis – preliminary work to update the parcel mapping in the GIS system is being completed by Sickels and Associates as a prerequisite for Clarke, Caton and Hintz completing the build-out analysis. A revised schedule is pending.
Open Space
Farmland Preservation Plan – The Plan has been approved by the State. On March 25th, the Agriculture Advisory Committee approved forwarding the Plan the PB, and on April 20th, DVRPC presented the Plan to the PB. The PB wanted some changes, and a public hearing for the Plan will be held by the PB on May 18th.
PIG Status
Schroeder – A public auction is scheduled for May 6th at Ware Building.
Kibort – SADC and Herb met with Patti Kibort's attorney in March and Patti was to meet with her attorney on April 21st.
Petronglo – The State has withdrawn its money.

Seven new PIG applications are in from the Eastern targeted farms.
Green Acres and other Open Space
Renwick – Renegotiations with owner on hold
MRC (Clarke property) – Still in negotiations
Willow Grove Lake – The DEP has reviewed the engineering report addressing repair of the roadway and spillway and has asked for additional information from the engineering firm.
Alliance Heritage Center – Both grants have been approved, one for restoration of the Bayuk house and another to initiate the creation of the Heritage Center.
Gypsy Moth Spraying - A single application of BTK is to be applied by the State contractor along route 40 and Route 553 (223 acres) in the presidential streets area and along Route 40 and Porchtown Road (91 acres). Proposed dates are between May 4 and June 4 depending on weather. Public notice, etc. to follow just as last year’s program, but costs are expected to escalate this year.
Road Cleanup – The road cleanup was done on April 11th , thanks to Chic, Kevin and Tom..

8. Report on area meetings/training/events: None

9. New Business:

Thanks to Cristina Frank of the NJ Audubon Society on her Native Grasses presentation.
Pittsgrove Day – May 16th

Set-up at 8:30 am – Kevin, Trish and Herb

Activities – Trish will make sun-baked cookies and have a number of handouts.

Tom will have a man demonstrate a composter and have a lady discussing and giving away high efficiency light bulbs

Take Down will start at 4 pm.

10. Upcoming events/meetings/training: May 18th: Next EC meeting (8:30 pm), Planning Board Farmland Preservation Plan Public Hearing (approx. 7:45 pm), and Agriculture Advisory Committee Mtg. to be held concurrently.

11. Issues before the Planning Board

Briar Hill coming up soon.

Lee Transport – final status unknown.

Pilesgrove Partners – Nothing scheduled

Joe Canal – Approval Granted.

12. Communications

13. Member Comments: Ken suggested that we have a “largest tree” contest as a means to get people involved and possibly interested in the work of the Commission.

14. Public Comments: None

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8: 30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Charles J. Jansky, Secretary