

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom Teleconference)  
May 22, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ron Mc Bride, at 7:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Open Public Meeting proclamation was read. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
2. In attendance: Ron Mc Bride, Trish Jankaukas, Paul Jacobs, Norm Lenchitz, Tara Waterhouse, Fran Spinelli, and Eileen O'Hara.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the April 24, 2023, Regular Meeting: ***motion to approve by Norm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trish, all in favor.***
4. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Farmland Preservation Update – Eileen

Sparks – received Greenlight Approval from the state today.

Two new applications were given out on Pittsgrove Day and 1 email request for information was received today. No recent updates on pending applications.
  - b. Green Acres/Open Space Update – none
  - c. Report on Area Meetings, Training, Events – None
  - d. Newspaper Articles - Norm stated that the Cape May Science Center is having its grand opening in June. Information is available on their website:  
[www.capemaypointsciencecenter.org](http://www.capemaypointsciencecenter.org)
  - e. Elmer Lake Fishing Line Container – Ron cleaned on 5/21/23, about 10g of line in container, some trash. Norm thought caring for the container would make a good Boy Scout/Girl Scout project.
  - f. Pittsgrove Day: May 20, 2023, was a wet but wonderful event.
    - i. No Native Species Exhibit
    - ii. South Jersey Nature Club – not currently active
    - iii. South Jersey Gas (not this year)
    - iv. 8 Exhibit Booth Spaces and Tents – 6 spots used; more space available.
    - v. Green Pittsgrove EC Logo Tote Bags – 129 given out/121 left, will reorder more.
    - vi. 1 Rain Barrel and 3 Composters – all winners received prizes except 1 who was left a voice mail.
    - vii. Environmental Education Literature Handouts – Thanks Marc Rugoff.
    - viii.. Clean Communities booth had another location this year, reason unknown.
    - ix. Schalick High Interact Club –Thanks to Paul & Brooke for their help.
    - x. Ann Bauman and B&B Poultry received their Certificates of Recognition for their contributions to keeping Pittsgrove green and beautiful. Thanks to both!!
    - xi. Ideas, plans or dreams for Pittsgrove Day 2024 – tabled for now.
  - g. Quarterly road cleanup – tabled until June.

- h. Radon Awareness Program (RAP) – 15 kits given out on Pittsgrove Day. Norm compiled testing results which were available for review at the booth. 4 out of 6 residents who tested high were in a similar area around Langley/Willow Grove Roads.
  - i. Giordano Recycling – This issue is tabled for now.
  - j. Pittsgrove Signage Update – Ron will work with Harry Snyder to arrange installation on county roads.
  - k. Tire Amnesty – tabled, no market for processing now.
  - l. PTEC Zoom meetings will continue moving forward.
  - m. Brush Clearing at Green Branch Park – people are enjoying the cleared pathway. Fran said a Case Skid Steer was purchased for ongoing maintenance.
  - n. Intercoastal Waterway Cleanup – Fall project, area to be determined.
6. New Business:

Warehouse Distribution Facility:

Norm said the last Planning Board meeting public section was limited to the traffic issue. Parking is designed for a warehouse, but the architect confirmed it's a high cube facility which is larger and requires more parking than the plan indicates. It will have its own sewage plant with 2 overflow ponds and a water tower which was never in their plan. This facility is more involved than they claim and requires more scrutiny.

NJDOH is having another Private Well Testing event. Participation will be limited to the first 100 residents that sign up by 8/31/23. It's focused on detecting "gross alpha." **Ron made a motion to participate in this program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trish, all in favor.**

Ron said the Township Committee needs to approve our recommendation at their next meeting. **Motion by Ron to refer to Township Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trish, all in favor.**

- 7. Planning Board Update: Next warehouse meeting is scheduled for 6/6/23 at 8:00 p.m.
- 8. Correspondence: None
- 9. Member Roundtable: commission discussed Chris Manno's resignation and wished her well. Ron was happy to hear that James Sheff has sent a request to join PTEC. He was referred to Conni for TC approval.
- 10. Public Comments: None
- 11. Budget: Ok, nothing new to report.
- 12. Adjournment: 8:54 p.m. **Motion to adjourn by Norm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trish, all in favor.**

**NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 26, 2023**