

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris

Statement of Adequate Notice

Chairman Largman issued the following statement:

"I hereby announce and state that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by the Secretary of the Environmental Commission by preparing a notice dated November 4, 2008, specifying the time, date and place of this meeting; posting such notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building; filing said notice with the Clerk of the Township of Morris; forwarding the notice to the Morris County Daily Record and The Morris News Bee, and forwarding, by mail, the said notice to all persons on the request list, and I hereby hand a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the Environmental Commission for inclusion in the minutes of this meeting, all of the above actions being in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10ⁿ4-6, Et. Seq., Open Public Meeting Act."

Attendance

Members Present

Theodore Largman, Chairperson
David Stasse
Robert L. Wallace
Franz Vintschger

Members Absent

Dominick LaRosa
Lawrence Vitale
Matthew Byrnes

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary

Also Absent

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator
James Slate, Township Engineer

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting were approved as circulated and placed on file in the office of the Environmental Commission.

New applications referred from the Planning Board:

- A. PB-18-08, St. Mary's/Trust for Public Land, Block 4501, Lot 2, 230 Mendham Avenue, OSGU zone. Applicant proposes to subdivide the property to create five lots. No action required by the Environmental Commission.
- B. PB-19-08, The Louise Berger Group, Inc., Block 6101, Lot 1, 412 Mt. Kemble Avenue, zone. Applicant proposes the placement of a 16 ft x 20 ft storage shed. No action required by the Environmental Commission. No Action required by the Environmental Commission.

- C. PB-20-08, Colgate Palmolive, Inc., Block 10401, Lot 3, 191 East Hanover Avenue, OL-40 zone. Applicant proposes installation of three tanks. A letter to be issued to the Planning Board regarding waiver requested; content of the tanks and an overview of how these tanks are going to be maintained.

- D. PB-21-08, Block 10001, Lot 3 & 4, 44 Whippany Road, I-21 zone, Applicant proposes to install a pylon sign. No action required by the Environmental Commission.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment

No application to be heard.

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 9/26/08 – Letter from Louise Jensen to the Mayor
- B. 10/2/08 – Letter from James Slate regarding Greenfield Park Soil Stabilization and Planting Project
- C. 10/22/08 –Township of Hardyton Solar Energy Assessment
- D. 10/23/08 - Town of Morristown Metro Energy Solutions
- E. 11/03/08 – Letter from James Slate regarding Vom Eigen Stabilization and Planting Project

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Jim Slate to send WRWAC Steve Souza report regarding the Western Avenue Reservoir

Geese Management – No action until the spring.

Deer – Sonia reported that Mr. Summerer had informed Mr. Kenny that for this year there has been approximately 52 deer culled.

Public Commentary – None to be heard.

Commentary by Committee Members - Mr. Vintschger informed the Committee that he had learned that the County is doing work along the Loanaka stream to control run off going into the stream by building rock walls and that they plan to start dredging the pond next year. They also have a plan to place a filtration device at the end of the stream to prevent silting going into the pond.

A discussion was carried regarding tree removal; Mr. Stasse is to contact Jim Slate and request a copy of the tree ordinance that is being updated by the Engineering Department and review; report back to the Committee.

A discussion was carried regarding the energy solutions and Mr. Wallace suggested that the municipality should try the solar energy program possibly to start with one department such as the fire house to see how it will work. Mr. Wallace is to follow up on this topic.

The Committee explored the possibilities of rain gardens or community gardens on Open Space land, such as the Western Avenue Reservoir and how it can be carried on. Mr. Largman is to explore if other communities and towns have some type of activity such as this one prior to recommending it to the Township Committee.

With no further business for consideration by the Township of Morris Environmental Commission, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Environmental Commission