

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2008**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, May 13, 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 May 6, 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. 10"4-6, Et. Seq., Open Public Meeting Act."

Attendance

Members Present

Theodore Largman, Chairperson
David Stasse
Barbara Gardner
Franz Vintschger
Dominick LaRosa
Matthew Byrne

Members Absent

Lawrence Vitale
Robert L. Wallace
Louise Jensen

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
James R. Slate, Township Engineer
Ron Goldberg, 41/2 Hilltop Circle

Also Absent

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the March 11, 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-12-06, Joel Meer, Block 2802, Lot 7, 22 Valley View Street.
Major subdivision to create two buildable lots. Memo is to be issued to the Planning Board recommending that the steep slopes, trees ordinance, and sediment control to be enforced.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment

None to be heard.

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 3-27-08, Application for LOI, Block 1201, Lot 4, 381 Sussex Avenue.
- B. 3-31-08, Application for LOI, James T. Sapio, Block 2601, Lot 16, 632 Sussex Avenue.
- C. 4-8-08, Rain Garden Seminar (FYI)

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Louise was not present to give a report.

Geese Management – No report, Sonia is to check with Tom Kenny on the wildlife activities.

Deer – None to be reported.

Other Matters

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) at Delbarton – Mr. Largman stated that there is no pest management control in the report. Pest management covers the vegetation as well as animal, bird life and insects anything that is considered that you don't want near you or in your land. The whole idea is to find out what type of pest exists in the area and how will they control them. Mr. Largman stated that his concern is the gypsy moth is back in the Morris County and was concerned that an egg mass was there and that if they were taken care properly they would not need to use toxic materials in the area. Mr. Slate stated that the report was for the school and was not modified for the fields. Mr. Largman stated that he would like to see in the report what type of pest was found if any and how they plan to treat it.

Western Avenue Reservoir – Mr. Largman stated that he had attended a Whippany Watershed meeting and they stated that Mr. Souza has 30% of the Whippany Watershed projects and he is controlling 1.2 million dollars in grant money. I feel he might be too busy to work on the Western Avenue project. Jim is to contact Mr. Souza and ask him about any updates on this project.

Stormwater drains – Mr. Largman stated that at the Whippany Watershed meeting they talked about the stormwater drains and they said that they should be constructed to be cleaned and vacuumed. The other thing that they mentioned was that if there is dumpster around them they leak toxic material. This was brought up by the speaker and I asked if they lease them if they do can they get them out of there. Mr. Slate stated that it depends what is placed in the dumpster, not all dumpster leak toxic materials.

Greening of Township Buildings & Energy Savings – Mr. Largman asked what we can do to require developers to do certain things to buildings; can we advance something like this to the Township Committee. Mr. Slate stated that this was kind of hard to decide because you get into building codes and the building code is developed by the state. Mr. Largman asked what the Environmental Commission can do to implement energy efficiency at the local level. Mr. Slate stated that they could ask the Boards if the developer could meet some sort of energy requirement. Mr. Largman stated that he read an article in the paper that stated three ways on how to build green. One is the material used in the construction, better

air circulation and maximizing natural light. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding energy savings any suggestions to be submitted for the next meeting.

Recycling –Mr. Largman read a report from the DPW which stated that the amount of electronic recycling that was collected in the month of November of 2007 and the month of April of 2008 was 13.41 tons giving the Township a savings of \$1125.10. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding how to coordinate other recycling dates or sites. Mr. Largman is to contact Tom Eschmann or Jim Stoia to come to our Environmental Commission and talk about recycling.

Public Commentary – Mr. Goldberg recommended the Commission get their ideas together then submitting it to the Planning Board to implement or develop an ordinance on building energy saving homes. There was an article that discussed non food related recyclable items and collecting it with a compactor and taking to a special designed plant that would separate the various recyclables by machines such as vacuum or magnetism and because they were able to use an existing compactor they were saving funds. I discussed this with the DPW and they stated that if we have to do this we would have to double our trips. So it doesn't work for us because of all the other work that it would entail.

Commentary by Committee Members - None to be heard.

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 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Environmental Commission