

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2008**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, July 8, 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 date, 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
Louise Jensen
Franz Vintschger

Members Absent

Lawrence Vitale
Matthew Byrne
Dominick La Rosa
Robert L. Wallace

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
James R. Slate, Township Engineer
Ron Goldberg, 4 ½ Hilltop Circle

Also Absent

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the May 13, 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-11-08, Villa Walsh, Block 4101, Lot 1, 455 Western Avenue. Construction of synthetic Soccer Field, Memo to be issued to the Board recommending that the applicant make every attempt to limit the amount of steep slopes disturbance on the site, meet or exceed the Township's tree replacement requirements, eliminate planting linear rows of trees, provide storm water management which meets or exceeds the necessary amount of water quality and required

groundwater recharge, require a maintenance program to ensure proper maintenance and no ground water contamination.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment

No applications available for review.

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

A. 5-6-08, Letter from Vertices, LLC.

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Louise stated that they are co-sponsoring an Organic Lawn Care seminar on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at the Haggerty Education Center from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Geese Management – Sonia reported that Tom Kenny informed her that the Wildlife Committee meetings are held on an as needed basis. He also stated that the geese season was a low turnout and there was no addling being done. He plans on contacting the Federal Agency to do a massive round up at the end of June.

Deer – None to be reported.

Other Matters

Western Avenue Reservoir- Mr. Slate stated he has received the proposal from Mr. Souza and that he was in the process of reviewing it.

Recycling – Mr. Largman informed the committee that Home Depot is recycling fluorescent bulbs, Staples is recycling empty ink cartridges, DPW has place a bucket at the Municipal building to recycle batteries. We should also emphasize that grass clippings are a good fertilizer. Mr. Largman is to contact Tom Eschmann or Jim Stoia and inform them that the language on recycling should be more specific on the calendar.

Leaf Collection – Louise Jensen is to draft a flyer to be distributed to homeowners and landscape companies.

Storm Water Management – Brochure reviewed by the Committee minor changes made, Sonia is to submit the brochure to the newsletter messenger for publication.

Public Commentary – Ron Goldberg, 4 ½ Hilltop Circle

Mr. Goldberg informed the Committee that the DPW has a container for daily electronic recycling at the Jane Way site. He also suggested the Committee team up with other committees such as the Beautification and the Trail Committee and do an interesting geography project together. A discussion was carried on how to get other members from the other committees to come together and discuss different issues that arise. Mr. Largman is to work on this.

Commentary by Committee Members

Ms. Barbara Gardner informed the Committee that she was resigning from the committee due to the fact that she was moving out of the State and that this was her last meeting.

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 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Environmental Commission