

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2010**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 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 January 6, 2010, 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, 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  
Dominick LaRosa  
Franz Vintschger  
Thomas Humbert  
Emily Bellush

**Members Absent**

David Stasse  
Robert L. Wallace  
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**Also Present**

James R. Slate, Township Engineer  
Sonia Santiago, Secretary  
Ronald Goldberg, Township Committee

**Also Absent**

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office was administered by James Slate to the following members:

- Ms. Emily Bellush

On motion duly made, seconded, unanimously carried as indicated the following resolutions were adopted as presented:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, will meet at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time, on each of the dates set forth below, for the year 2010 and 2011, in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris, New Jersey:

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that additional meetings, if required, will be at the call of the Chairman with the proper notification, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary is authorized and directed to:

Post said meeting schedule and maintain the same posted throughout the year 2010 on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris at 50 Woodland Avenue;

- b.) Mail a copy of same to the Morris News Bee, the Morris County Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

### **DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:4-21) known as the "Open Public Meetings Act", requires adequate notice of meetings of public bodies, as therein defined, and in the manner therein set forth, and prescribed certain other procedures to be followed by such bodies.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Environmental Commission of the Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010, as follows:

1. The Morris News Bee is the official paper of the Environmental Commission (or as an alternate the Morris County Daily Record or the Star Ledger) and is hereby designated as the newspaper to receive notice of meetings as required by any and all sections of the Open Public Meetings Act, said newspapers are most likely to inform the local public of such meetings.
2. The location of posting of notice of meetings shall be the bulletin board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris, located at 50 Woodland Avenue, where notices of this kind are normally posted.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated and placed on file in the office of the Environmental Commission.

**New applications referred from the Planning Board:**

No applications to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission

**New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment**

No applications to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission

**Correspondence**

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 11-25-09, 2010 ANJEC Workshops
- B. 12-01-09, ANJEC 2010 Planning Grants for NJ Municipalities and Counties
- C. 12-14-09, Letter from PS&S for a multi permit application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit
- D. 12-28-09, Letter from Princeton Hydro regarding Stormwater Retrofit BMPs Kitchell Pond
- E. 12-30-09, Letter from the Township regarding Vom Eigen Stabilization and Planting Project
- F. 01-05-10, Letter from Schommer Engineering regarding TWA permit for Block 3703, Lot 6 & 7, 22-24 Indianhead Road.

**General Business**

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Mr. Largman stated that the next meeting will be in February.

Geese Management – Sonia informed the Committee that Mr. Kenny was organizing a round up, egg adding with the Whippany Watershed Action Committee and that they were looking for volunteers. Any one interested is to contact Mr. Tom Kenny.

Deer Management – Sonia informed the Committee that officer Summerer had reported approximately 100 deer culled for the season.

**Other Matters:**

Emily and Thomas to attend ANJEC workshop on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Morristown, NJ

Mr. Largman asked the committee for objectives that they would like to accomplish as Environmental Commission.

Mr. Largman stated that he would like to see the Western Avenue Reservoir as a recreational destination; Mr. Slate stated that at this time there is sandy soil downstream and a flooding condition. Mr. Slate is to contact MUA and question if we are in better shape with water than 20 years ago.

Emily stated that she has been doing research on how to start a community garden, need to identify properties where these gardens can be placed and that water and parking would be needed. The

Committee discussed some property locations that are owned by the Township to be explored for community gardens; Mr. Slate is to share the information with Emily for the properties discussed.

Mr. Slate also suggested that before moving forward that we should contact the Recreation Department to get them on board before applying for grants. Emily and Tom will continue to follow up on Community gardens.

Mr. Vintschger suggested that there be a garden on each side of Town.

Mr. Largman is to contact an arborist to come to the next meeting and talk to the Committee regarding trees.

Reports – None to be heard.

Public Commentary – None to be heard.

Commentary by Committee Members

Mr. LaRosa shared with the committee that there are approximately 500 municipalities in the country who are recycling wax cartons and some 23 to 25 in the State of New Jersey. He also stated how labor intensive the process of wax removal was and how costly it was. He stated that 15 to 30 percent of the carton was wax. He stated that Waste Management and Tropicana are working on some programs to make more readily recyclable containers. He stated that he would like to do more research to see what else Waste Management and Tropicana are doing.

Mr. Largman stated that he would like to see electronic day pick up at least once or twice a year. Mr. LaRosa and Mr. Humbert are to follow up with the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Largman asked the committee if anyone was interested in writing an article for the next township messenger; Emily will write an article regarding the community garden project.

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 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary  
Township of Morris Environmental Commission