

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2007**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 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 11, 2007, 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
Franz Vintschger
Louise Jensen
David Stasse
Barbara Gardner
Robert L. Wallace
Lawrence Vitale
John Storey

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary

Also Absent

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

Public Present

Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office was administered by Sonia Santiago to the following member:

- Mr. Larry Vitale

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the November 28, 2006 meeting were approved as circulated and placed on file in the office of the Environmental Commission.

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 2007 and 2008, in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris, New Jersey:

January 16th, 2007
March 13th
May 15th
July 10th
September 11th
November 20th
January 8th, 2008

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 2007 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 County Daily Record, the Morris News Bee 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 16th day of January 2007, as follows:

1. The Morris County Daily Record and the Morris News Bee (or as an alternate to the Morris News Bee, the Star Ledger) are hereby designated as the two newspapers to receive notice of meetings as required by any and all sections of the Open Public Meetings Act, it appearing that 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.

New applications referred from the Planning Board:

- A. PB-22-06, Emad A. Dawod (Mario's Pizza), Block 103, Lot 18, 196 Speedwell Avenue. Expansion of existing pizzeria/restaurant into adjoining vacant tenant space. No action required by the Environmental Commission.
- B. PB-23-06, Honeywell International Inc., Block 9101, Lot 4, 101 Columbia Road. Placement of five (5) smoking shelters in various locations on site. No action required by the Environmental Commission.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment

None to report

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 11-30-06, Memo to the Planning Board from the Environmental Commission regarding the application of Joseph & Christine Prestifilippo.
- B. 11-30-06, Memo to the Planning Board from the Environmental Commission regarding the application of Chevrolet of Morristown.
- C. 12-7-06, Application for letter of Interpretation, for Dr. James A. Parisi, Block 9501, Lot 5, 10 Lohman Road.
- D. 12-4-06, ANJEC, 2007 Planning Grants for NJ Municipalities and Counties.
- E. 1-03-07, Township of Morris, Letter from Mr. Rossi to Mr. Bromage regarding goose management for 2007
- F. 1-5-07, Memo from Mr. Tom Kenny regarding ANJEC – 2007 Smart Growth Planning Assistance Grant Program

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – None to report.

Geese Management – Mr. Storey stated that they have sent a letter to large land holders to inform them of the addling season in the Township. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with the addling and searching for the nests. We plan on working with the surrounding towns that have areas of water accumulation where geese do their nesting to educate them in the addling process. We plan on getting plastic eggs to replace the real eggs at the nest. People are also calling to let us know where the nests are located.

Deer Management – Mr. Storey stated that they have only culled 130 deer as this year being that it is warm. We expect that when it gets colder and they start moving we will be able to cull some more. Our target is 275 for this year. Last year we exceeded our 250 target. We have had a lot of requests coming in regarding areas that needs to be covered. At the last meeting we were talking about keeping track of the hunters hours. Last year everyone wanted to hunt in the Township and it is the possibility that it has worn off. If our control group is not getting the hours in and we are not getting the deer we need to supplement it with something else. Mr. Storey stated that he expects that once it gets colder we might meet our quota.

Other Matters:

Energy Savings Programs – Mr. Largman stated that ANJEC has grants for the year 2007 and that they would like to see geographic projects. I have thought of solar cell. We can propose studies for solar cells in public buildings. I have contacted a couple of people in regard to solar cells including Honeywell. Honeywell has participated in studies of solar cell systems. There is money out there for solar cells. Honeywell is willing to come and meet with us and talk about solar cells. Schools are easier to work with. Mr. Largman asked the members for their input on the solar cells. The members present thought it was a good idea and that they would like to hear more about it. Ms. Jensen stated that it was a good idea but, that we should start with something that will give us a logistic outcome. BPU is offering matching funds to local funds which ANJEC funds will go towards. When you do an energy audit for your municipal building it's much broader than solar panels or switching out light bulbs it really takes into consideration your fleet, windows, heating everything from soup to nuts and comes back with recommendations which may include solar panels or might include something's that are more obvious as well in which then the town might gain a lot more information about energy consumption. It will give us a document that will allow us to go to other funders and endorse the BPU which has a lot to do with other funding available for installation of solar panels. We should start with something that will give us a logistic idea. Louise is to follow up on the BPU information and get back to the committee. Mr. Largman is to follow up on the solar panel guest speakers once this is organized we then have a public meeting so that we may have public input on the solar panels and energy savings. Barbara is to get an article regarding energy savings to be placed on the newsletter to educate our public. All members agreed that this is a good idea and that we should start the studies with the municipal, police and fire department buildings. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding the solar cells studies among the members.

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and the Analysis of the Kyoto Protocol - Mr. Largman stated that he had a feeling that the town will not adopt the cool cities resolution. We should start with something the Town should start saving energy not only for the environment. I think the green energy, solar cell, and solar panel is a good idea. Louise is to develop the grant to submit to ANJEC.

Western Avenue Restoration – Louise stated that there is a five star restoration challenge grant for U.S. wetland restoration. I feel this grant will be good for the restoration of the Western Avenue Reservoir. If Jim has obtained updated numbers from Steve Sousa and can email me that information I can work on this grant.

Fertilizer Ordinance – Louise stated that the Township doesn't have a fertilizer ordinance in place. There is a model fertilizer ordinance which will apply to anybody and everybody. It will affect landscapers, homeowners and business. A lengthy discussion was carried in regard to this fertilizer ordinance. Louise is to draft the ordinance and submit to the Township committee for consideration.

Public Commentary - none to be heard.

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 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Environmental Commission