

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2007**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, May 15, 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 May 9, 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
John Storey
David Stasse
Barbara Gardner
Franz Vintschger
Lawrence Vitale
Robert L. Wallace

Members Absent

Louise Jensen

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
James R. Slate, Township Engineer

Also Absent

Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the March 13, 2007 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-06-07, Morristown Beard School, Block 10001, Lot 1, 70 Whippany Road.
Applicant proposes to construct middle school addition and auditorium. Memo to be issued from the Environmental Commission recommending the school consider constructing the building and addition to exceed the current energy efficiency standards and additional landscaping be installed to increase the buffer along the Arboretum property line.

- B. PB-07-07, Ryan Automotive/Open Road BMW, Block 10104, Lot 4, 111 Ridgedale Avenue, I-21 zone. Applicant proposes to construct roof top storage above the service area. No action required by the Environmental Commission.

New applications referred from the Board of Adjustment

None to be considered

Correspondence

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 3-13-07, Letter from Hatch Mott McDonald
- B. 3-16-07, Letter from Schommer Engineer regarding Treatment Works Approval Permit Application
- C. 3-19-07, Application for LOI, Block 2503, Lot 5, 47 Lord William Penn Dr., Barbara & Donald Tierney
- D. 3-19-07, Application for LOI, Block 7001, Lot 1&2, Southgate Pkwy., Southgate IV
- E. 4-10-07, Onsite Wastewater Systems seminar at Rutgers
- F. 4-13-07, The Great Swamp Watershed Association newsletter
- G. 4-24-07, Letter from the Environmental Education Fund

General Business

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Mr. Largman stated that Jim Slate and Steve Souza were communicating to get grant money for reservoir restoration project and they are putting together the scope of the project in order to apply for grant.

Geese Management – Mr. Largman shared a newspaper article regarding geese chasing using wooden dogs. Mr. Storey stated that the Town didn't have effective geese addling. We had no volunteers to assist with the event. Tom Kenny has drafted a letter that will be given to the recreation department to distribute to people who come and complain about the fields so that they may sign up for the round up which will take place June 26 through July 9 of this year we will have more access to the State geese truck . A suggestion was given to Tom Kenny to reach out to other towns to assist with the round up process and let them know that the truck will be here so that they may also participate in the round up.

Deer – Mr. Storey stated that deer hunting was not as good as last year due to the warm weather the deer were not moving. Next year I don't know where we are going I suggested that we expanded it to other hunters.

Other Matters:

- A. **Discussion on Recycling** – Mr. Largman stated that Urban Renewal Corporation picks up electronics equipments and they try to repair the one that can be repaired and discard the others. He also stated that he had contacted the Market Street Mission for storage of the electronics and allow the Urban Renewal to pick up from the Market Street Mission. It was suggested that an article be placed in the newsletter and Newspaper to let the residents know of the event. A lengthy discussion was carried in regard to this event. Mr. Vinstschger is to contact the Morris Plains recycling to see what they are doing and if they would like to team

with the Township and Mr. Largman will contact Art Clarke from Morristown. Mr. Largman is to follow up on this event.

- B. **Energy Savings** – Jim Slate stated that NJ is pulling back on the rebates and that the rebate provided in the solar estimate was from 2006. The estimate states that our cost will be 100 thousand dollars but we have the potential of saving 168 thousand over a 15 year period. I have other concerns when it comes to the roof such as leak problems would like to get more information. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding the cost and the pay off. Mr. Slate is to provide Mr. Agnello with the kilo-watt usage of the municipal building and the police department and the total amount of roof area. John Storey is to look into the rebate information.
- C. **Master Plan discussion** - Mr. Slate informed the Committee that the Township is required to update the master plan every six years and October is the deadline. We have distributed a memo to all of the different boards and committees including the Environmental Commission. We have electronic copies of the master plan that we can distribute to people to allow them to review the old master plan and make suggestions. We are looking for input from all committees. October is the deadline and we ask that the committee review the existing Master Plan re-examination and come back to the July meeting with some input to be incorporated in the Master Plan re-examination report.

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 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Environmental Commission