

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2007**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Township of Morris Environmental Commission was called to order on Tuesday, July 10, 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 July 3, 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  
Louise Jensen  
Robert L. Wallace  
Franz Vintschger  
Lawrence Vitale

Members Absent

Barbara Gardner

Also Present

Sonia Santiago, Secretary

Also Absent

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

Oath of allegiance and oath of office was administered to Mr. Dominick LaRosa by the Secretary of the Environmental Commission, Sonia Santiago.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting were approved as amended and placed on file in the office of the Environmental Commission.

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

None to be heard.

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

None to be heard.

### **Correspondence**

The following were noted as received for the record:

- A. 5-11-07, Application for LOI, Block 3703, Lot 6 & 7, 22-24 Indian Head Road, Joseph & Christine Prestifilippo
- B. 5-16-07, Letter to the Planning Board, Block 10001, Lot 1, 70 Whippany Road, Morristown Beard School
- C. 5-18-07, Letter from Ferreiro Engineering, Inc., Application for TWA-Sanitary Sewer Extension, Block 3103, Lot 59 & 60, 74 Kahdena Road, Carriage House, LLC (Wheatsheaf)
- D. 5-25-07, Freshwater Wetlands Application, Block 9201, Lot 4, 18 Arrowhead Road, Laura DeLuca
- E. 6-01-07, Protecting Nature in Your Community brochure at the office of the Environmental Commission for your review
- F. 6-27-07, Morris County Soil Conservation District Violation Notice, Block 2006, Lot 1, 48 Raynor Road

### **General Business**

Status Reports:

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Louise stated that the committee had applied for a watershed restoration planning grant from the Victoria Foundation and they were turned down. What is now in its final stage of approval is a proposal to implement the correction and mitigation for the fugal study that was done by George VanOrden about two years ago and there are some sites in the Township and those sites will be addressed if this is funded. There was a follow up study to the lake study that the Whippany River Watershed Group conducted and Speedwell Lake was one of the lakes that were studied by the Watershed and it was one of the worst one in the Watershed in terms of sedimentation. As a result of sedimentation oxygen levels, nitrogen load and phosphorous loads increase. The Passaic River Institute came in and did a sediment load study and looked at the load coming down the fall that was retrofitted to control scouring in the lake and the sedimentation load that is coming out at the location is amazing. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding where this sedimentation was coming from. The idea is to look at the technology available to retrofit the system to filter out the sedimentation so that it doesn't make it into the lake.

Geese Management – John Storey stated that the wildlife committee was going to get in touch with the Morristown Mayor to see if he would like to participate in the geese management program. Our geese depart and go elsewhere because we don't have enough water for them and when the molting season is over they seem to come back. If we can get everyone to take some responsible action which is not spraying the grass and putting silhouette of dogs and things like that we might be able to chase the geese away. We are in the process of arranging a meeting and inviting our neighboring towns to participate. The committee thanked John for his effort and participation with the geese management group.

Deer – John stated we are taking all suggestions for areas to cull next year. At our next wildlife meeting we are asking Ralph Jennings for information on how to handle bear when they are encountered.

Public Commentary – Ms. Christine Markussen, 17 Indianhead Road expressed her concerns regarding the extension of a water main from Doe Hill Road to Indian Head Road to provide services to new homes on Indianhead Road. She stated that she was concerned about the amount of disturbance that is going to be done near the pond and the turtles that are in the pond. Mr. Vintschger recommended she go to the County and check what has been approved at the County level. Ms. Markussen was informed that they (Prestifilippo) would need to get a NJDEP permit to disturb any land.

Other Matters:

Master Plan Re-examination report – Mr. Vintschger stated that the Planning Board had reviewed the first draft of the re-examination at their last meeting. Mr. Largman asked the committee for their visionary aspect for the Township 10 years from now. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding how we define density and capacity. Some type of zoning for multi use. A lengthy discussion was carried regarding zoning and development. Mr. Vintschger stated that business sign size should be considered if you go from town to town you will see that the sign size varies. Mr. Largman informed the committee that if anyone has any other thoughts please email Sonia or Jim and I will meet with Jim and we will put it together to submit to the Planning Board from the Environmental Commission.

Energy Solar Panels – Mr. Largman stated that the pay back is too long for the Mayor and he can't find anyone to payback in two years. We are still looking into it. Mr. Largman also stated he had a meeting with the Market Street Mission representatives, The Urban Renewal from Newark, Mayor and other departments from the township to discuss electronic recycling. No decision was made. Mr. Eschmann from the road department stated that if the electronics are dropped off at the Mission he would not be able to keep track of it and the state requires tracking of the recycling. The Township Mayor will contact the Mayor for Morristown to see if he would like to participate in this recycling effort. Mr. Vintschger stated that Morris Plains has a site off Route 53 that you bring the recyclables and deposit them in the different bins that they have. They also have a bin for batteries. Morristown they pick up newspaper and recyclables.

Green Building – Mr. Largman stated that the speaker Mr. Steven Eget who was to do a presentation on green building was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to out of town business and will be at our next meeting.

Commentary by Committee Members - None to be heard.

Mr. Largman stated that he was not available for the September meeting and that he needed someone to chair the meeting. Mr. Storey was appointed to chair the September meeting.

A tree discussion was carried regarding the Florham Park tree clearance. This topic was carried to the September 11, 2007 meeting. Mr. Storey shared some information on items that we can recycle and how they can be recycled. This item is carried to the next meeting for further discussion.

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 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary  
Township of Morris Environmental Commission