



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Reading of Open Public Meetings Act Statement by Chairman

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Steve Atzert, , Rachel Shepherd, Vilma Pombo, Larissa Smith, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Gary Farrow, Jeff Schafer, Susan Copson, Lillian Armstrong, Betsy Haskin

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – JULY 17, 2013

On Motion By: Rachel Shepherd

Seconded By: Larissa Smith (voting in place of Gary Farrow)

Minutes were approved by all.

1.) Communications

- MV Engineering – Applicant: Fred McCurry – Address: 39 Beach Avenue – Block: 29; Lot(s) 10 & 10.01, Treatment Works Approval Permit Application. NO COMMENT.
- NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife – To DEP – Address: Siegtown Rd – Block 96.01; Lot(s) 16, Freshwater Wetlands General Permit. NO COMMENT-INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL, WE SUPPORT FRAGMITES CONTROL.
- Bohler Engineering – Applicant: Triad III LLC – Address: 905 Rt 9 N – Block 99.02; Lot(s) 117, Major Subdivision-Going before Planning Board September 10, 2013.
Stone Harbor Golf Course – Discussion held – Vilma thinks they need their own wastewater treatment plant, which was on the plan. Vilma said back 10 years ago when this was first started it was going to be a gated communit. They were to have their own trash pickup and be responsible for the upkeep of the roads. Steve feels they need to do a traffic study for acceleration and deceleration lanes.
Motion for traffic study for acceleration and deceleration lanes.

On Motion By: Vilma Pombo
Motion passed unanimously.

Seconded By: Larissa Smith –.

- Stephen Martinelli – Applicant: Island Bay LLC – Address: 45 Seabreeze Lane – Block 117.04; Lot(s) 29, Hardship Variance – Going before Zoning Board September 12, 2013.
***SEE NOTES BELOW
- Stephen Martinelli – Applicant: Island Bay LLC – Address: 41 Seabreeze Lane – Block 117.04; Lot(s) 27, Hardship Variance-Going before Zoning Board September 12, 2013.
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- Stephen Martinelli – Applicant: Island Bay LLC – Address: 35 Seabreeze Lane – Block 117.04; Lot(s) 24, Hardship Variance – Going before Zoning Board September 12, 2013.
***SEE NOTES BELOW
***Comments were given in June. EC opinion is not to grant variances – to redesign the houses to fit the lots.
Motion made by Vilma Pombo and 2nd by Larissa Smith to redesign homes to fit the lots.
Passed unanimously.

2) Sustainable Report – Liz Terenik - NONE

3) Unfinished Business

- Mountain Bike Trail

Steve met with Mike Golden on August 7th. State and Nature Conservancy are not in favor of mountain bike trails through Lizard Tail Swamp or Beaver Swamp areas. Discussed possibility of one at Ockie Wisting (see Attachment “A”. A lot of red on the map does not lend the area to much in the way of bike trails. Only area to work with is main area close to entrance. Would be able to do, but would be a short trail. Belleplain has room for 10 miles of trail. Steve has spoken with some residents who are interested in getting involved

- Farmers Market

Steve has spoken with Julia Karavan, a new Assoc. Professor with Rutgers Extension about having the Farmers Market at the 4H Fair Grounds over by the college. She is making a presentation on the Farmers Market next Monday, August 26th at 7:30 at the Rutgers Extension Office if any EC members would like to attend. Steve said having hard time finding a place where wine vendors can sell their product. He said in Cumberland County the wine vendors can come and display their products, but were not allowed to be opened or sold at the market. Rachel Shepherd suggested getting sponsors for the market. She said Sturdy helps sponsor the West Cape May Market. Steve said we are in need of crafters. He is going to look into getting sponsors.

4.) New Business –

- 28th Annual International Coastal Cleanup-Saturday, September 21 through November 1, 2013 – EC is going to stick with our spring clean up. Steve will look into this to see what it is about.
- Potential bike path link from CMC Park/Zoo to north of Stone Harbor Golf Course-discussed earlier.

5.) Reports - NONE

COMMENTS: Vilma wanted to make everyone on the EC to be aware that the committee is discussing gravel pits and possibly making some changes to ordinance, some of it pertaining to depth of pits. She also said that on September 30th at 6:00 PM at the county library there will be a lecture on September gardens.

10.) Meeting adjourned (time) 7:51 PM

On Motion By: Larissa Smith

Seconded By: Rachel Shepherd

Motion passed to adjourn meeting.

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Custom Soil Resource Report

Map Unit Legend

Cape May County, New Jersey (NJ009)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
BEADV red	Beaches, 0 to 15 percent slopes, vary frequently flooded	2.4	0.2%
BEXAS red	Berryland and Mullica soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	227.0	15.2%
FobB red	Fort Mott sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	20.6	1.4%
GamB yellow	Galloway loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	50.8	3.4%
HbmB yellow	Hammonton loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	311.3	20.8%
HboA green	Hammonton sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	79.5	5.3%
HorDr red	Hooksan sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes, rarely flooded	1.9	0.1%
IngB yellow	Ingleside loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	32.1	2.1%
InnA green	Ingleside sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	26.1	1.7%
MakAt red	Manahawkin muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	32.1	2.1%
MmtAv red	Misplillion-Transquaking-Appoquinimink complex, 0 to 1 percent slopes, very frequently flooded	375.3	25.1%
PdwAv red	Pawcatuck-Transquaking complex, 0 to 1 percent slopes, very frequently flooded	277.0	18.5%
PHG	Pits, sand and gravel	17.2	1.1%
UdrB green	Udorthents, refuse substratum, 0 to 8 percent slopes	36.3	2.4%
WATER	Water	4.5	0.3%
Totals for Area of Interest		1,494.0	100.0%

Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

red very limited for paths & trails
 yellow somewhat limited for paths & trails
 green not limited for paths & trails



