

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2013 MEETING

The meeting of the MTEC was called to order by Chairman Steve Atzert at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Atzert read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement ... 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)

Roll call was taken: Steve Atzert ; Gary Farrow ; Rachel ~~Reed~~<sup>Shepherd</sup> ; Jeff Schafer ; Vilma Pombo ; Susan Copson ; Lillian Armstrong ; Betsy Haskin ; Larissa Smith ; Liz Terenik ; Dawn Stimmel  *VAC*

On motion by Larissa Smith and seconded by Sue Copson with unanimous approval, the minutes for the June 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Communications:

Dante Guzzi Engr. Assoc. - Applicant: Rio Grande Housing LLC - Address 4006 Rt. 9 S - Blk. 1523; Lot 3 - Major Site Plan. Going before Planning Board July 25, 2013. Last revision date June 4, 2013. Date of hearing has been rescheduled for August - date to be announced. Phase 1 32 units with phase 2 80 units.

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Lomax Consulting Group - Applicant Rio Grande Housing LLC - Address 4006 Rt. 9 S - Blk. 1523; Lot(s) 3, 4, and portion of 8 involving NJ DEP CAFRA Individual Permit, Freshwater Wetlands Transition Area Averaging Plan Waiver and Stormwater Review - TLCCG File #12-581.1.

E.C. members in attendance previously reviewed site plans and comments were issued via letter dated 10/9/2012. ~~No~~ additional comments were made (since DEP sets wetland mitigation and a 50 foot buffer is required.) *RE NATIVE LANDSCAPING.*

Arthur Ponzio Co. & Assoc. Inc. - Applicant: Monterey Motel (LLC) Inc. - Address: Indian Trail / 637, 663 Shunpike; Blk. 348.02; Lot(s) 2, 9, 10 - Major Site Plan/Use Variance - Going before Zoning Board July 11, 2013 (Postponed to August 7, 2013 Zoning Board meeting.) Use variance for existing unapproved businesses and expansion.

E.C. members in attendance previously reviewed site plans and comments were previously made for denial of application.

Stephen Martinelli - Applicant: Island Bay LLC - Address: 41 Seabreeze Lane - Block 117.04; Lot(s) 27 - Hardship variance for pool. Going before Zoning Board July 11, 2013. Also involves lots 31, 35, and 45.

Previously reviewed by E. C. requesting that no wetlands be filled and request be denied.

Other communications concerned a Matching Contribution received from ANJEC for Middle Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan project for \$8000.00 which has already recieved Planning Board and Committee approval. *Project complete*

**Unfinished Business**

Ordinance for Landscaping and Vegetation Plan (Starting point Cape May Point ordinance.) Much discussion took place and other ordinances as well as several articles were reviewed. Information will be given to Elizabeth Terenik, P.P.I. to add to Middle Township's Ordinance.

Middle Township Open Space and Recreation Plan (Mountain Bike Trail.) Chairman Steve Atzert has been in touch with Bob Allen and also Bob Golden (?) USF&W regarding additions to existing trails and plans are in progress for a 3, 5, & 10 mile loop. More info to be available at a future date.

Middle Township Farmers Market for 2014 - Chairman Steve Atzert gave a detailed report regarding efforts to move previously mentioned site at Board of Ed. on Rt. 9 to another site in 2014. He will continue to work on this project and report again at future meetings.

Sustainable Funding for Preservation & Stewardship of N. J. Open Space, Parks, Waterways, Farmland & Historic Sites - N. J. Keep It Green (KIG) requested MTEC to request a Resolution of support for this legislation from M.T. Committee members. SCR138/ACR179 would ask voters to approve dedicating one-fifth of one cent in sales tax revenues for 30 years for preservation and stewardship through Green Acres, Blue Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation programs. This was done by Chairman Steve Atzert with unanimous support by the MTEC. Vilma reported that MT Committee had not issued the Resolution and she questioned Kim Krauss about it. Kim advised that she had not received the information and requested that the information be resent to Connie Mahon for approval of the request for the Resolution which could be issued in August. ✕

Vilma talked with Chairman Steve Atzert who agreed to resend information. (see attachment "B" with June 19, 2013 minutes)

**New Business:**

Green Infrastructure Survey - Members in attendance reviewed and voted on each item in the survey to reach a consensus. Chairman Steve Atzert will respond to the Rutgers Cooperative Extension with the information.

Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program - This info was passed on to Jill Becker in the Grants Dept. for application to be used for the Farmers Market.

In other new business a question came up regarding the fall cleanup at Okie Wisting Rec. Center. Vilma said that Mayor Lockwood had mentioned at a Committee Meeting that the Clean Communities would be organizing the cleanup. More info will be forthcoming.

Reports: As mentioned above.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Rachel Shepard and seconded by Larissa Smith.

Acting Secretary,  
Vilma Pombo

*✕ He indicated that Resolution had been tabled at 6/3 meeting for further review by M.T. Comm.*

