



## **MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:45 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:** Vilma Pombo, Rachel Shepherd, Larissa Smith, Betsy Haskin, Dawn Stimmel

**ABSENT:** Jeff Schafer, Lillian Armstrong, Jim Collins

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2014

On Motion By: Rachel Shepherd

Seconded By: Larissa Smith

Minutes were approved by all.

### **1.) Communications**

- Freshwater Wetlands Application-Notice to Neighboring Landowners – Applicant: Middle Township; Address: 7 Fulling Mill Rd. (Ockie Wisting); Block 466.01; Lot 47; General Permit; Woodchip path for walking trails.- **NO COMMENT**
- ARH; Applicant: Pepco Holdings, Inc; Address: Hallman Road ROW, Middle Township; Geotechnical borings-Great Channel Transmission Extension Project – **NO COMMENT**
- Geosurv – Applicant: James & Judy Monahan-Address: 466 Avalon Blvd; Block: 17; Lot 19 20; Minor Subdivision- New and Architectural Plans – Going before Planning Board – **NO COMMENT**
- Styer Group – Applicant: Kindle Ford Lincoln, Inc. – Address: 521-523 Stone Harbor Blvd; Block 264; Lots 61.01, 61.02 – Minor Site Plan and Hardship Variance; Going before Planning Board – **NO COMMENT**

- Environmental Management Group – Applicant: Rio Grande 9, LLC; Address: 3150 Rt 9 S; Block 1436.01; Lot 6; Notice of State Permit Application-Public Comment Period
- NJDEP – Applicant: CMC Bridge Commission – Repairs to Corson Inlet and Grassy Sound Bridges – **CAFRA PERMIT – NO COMMENT**
- Correspondence from Mayor to Chairman Pombo supporting collaboration between Elementary #2 and the Environmental Commission in creating a meadow habitat in field next to school. – Vilma had passed this letter on to the Schools so that they may pass on to the School Board for their OK of the project. After approved, they will put out a call for volunteers to help with the project. She spoke with Roberta Hoffman, the teacher and told her about the National Wildlife Federation and the fact that they have programs for schools.
- Application for 2015 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign for Township to receive 800 seedlings for distribution at Earth Day
- Clean Ocean Action – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Beach Sweep – Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM
- Article on Jimmy Collins
- Inside the Pinelands

## **2.) Unfinished Business**

- Earth Day – We will be getting 800 tree seedlings to hand out to residents on Earth Day.
- Grant – Larissa is in the process of applying for a grant to do a clean up of an open space. The EC decided that we should do the Ocki Wisting site. We will be doing it sometime at the end of the summer.

## **3.) New Business**

- Betsy spoke about the plans the Township has for Reeds Beach and Pierces Point for dune restoration. She feels that the Township should at least notify the EC when they plan on doing any type of beach restoration. She spoke about the TrapBags and she has some concerns about how this procedure would work and actually hold up.

## **4.) Reports**

- .) Meeting adjourned (time) 7:45 PM  
 On Motion By: Rachel Shepherd  
 Seconded By: Larissa Smith  
 Approved by all.