



## **MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2014**

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:** Vilma Pombo, Rachel Shepherd, Betsy Haskin, Larissa Smith, Dawn Stimmel

**ABSENT:** Jeff Schafer, Lillian Armstrong, Liz Simpkins

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

Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2014

On Motion By: Rachel Shepherd

Seconded By: Larissa Smith

Minutes were approved by all.

#### **4.) Communications**

- MV Engineering – Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Application – Altobelli Estates – Applicant: Middle Township – Owner: Louis H. Altobelli, Jr.- Address: Reading & Stites Avenue, CMCH – Block 248; Lots 5,6 & 7 – Construction of Sanitary Sewer Collection System.- NO COMMENT
- Junetta N. Dix Consulting – Freshwater Wetlands Application to NJDEP – Applicant: Paul Gusty, Sr. – Address: None Given – Block 167.01; Lot 43 – Application to put driveway to cross through the wetlands and wetland buffer.- NO COMMENT
- W. Sweeney – Applicant: A-2 Storage LLC – Waiver of Site Plan and Use Variance – Address: 371 Rt 47 S – Block 388; Lot 7 – Going before Zoning Board March 13, 2014 (Tentative) –Vilma is going to call David May regarding this. Her only concern is vehicles being stored in an area that is only covered by stones should any of the vehicles leak.
- NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit –Agent Name: Darren Riegler (Michael Bakeer, Jr. Inc)- Applicant: NJ Turnpike Authority – Project Name: Guide Sign Improvements on the Parkway, MP 4.16 SH – Installation of new overhead steel sign

structure. New sign is needed to meet Federal Highway Administration Standards.-  
NO COMMENT

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- Estuary News

### 1.) Unfinished Business

- **Farmers Market**

Spoke about maybe turning it over to the Economic Development Board. Vilma is going to speak with Connie. Betsy said farmers want to be in an area where they can just back up their trucks and sell right out of the trucks. Betsy said she was at an Ag meeting and their comments were that Middle wants to do this, but they do not seem to know what they are doing. She said that some of the farmers will not commit to us because of that. She told the EC that if we would like for her to speak on behalf of the EC to the Ag Board that she would do so and explain to them what we are working on and where we stand at this point and time. The biggest problem is finding a location and someone to manage the market. Mike Mattera will not manage it if it is not in the Rio Grande area. The EC is looking to hold it in the CMCH area as they feel that is more centralized. Rachel said she can help out a couple of hours on a Friday if she would be needed.

- **Clean Up Day**

Larissa said so far she has 27 to 30 people who have volunteered for the Clean Up Day. Last year she had that many that had registered ahead of time, but she ended up with about 50 people. Jeff Schafer is getting the food and she is concerned there won't be enough if more show up that what has registered at this point. She also said that we will be using clear plastic bags this year and we will have to let public works know where they have been placed so they can pick them up sometime the following week. Due to all the snow days this year and overtime paid out, public works will not be able to help with the clean up on Saturday.

### 2.) New Business

- Application for Seedlings from the New Jersey Recovery Campaign  
The application has been sent in, waiting to hear back from them. Will be giving these out at the Goshen Complex during their Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

### 3.) Reports

Vilma is working on getting some projects together for Earth Day, which is being held April 26<sup>th</sup> at the CMC Park and Zoo. One project she is working on is a backyard habitat.

- .) Meeting adjourned (time) 7:28 PM  
On Motion By: Larissa Smith  
Seconded By: Rachel Shepherd  
Approved by all.