



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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, Lillian Armstrong, Betsy Haskin, Jeff Schafer

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2013 – No October 16, 2013 Minutes-No quorum for meeting to be held.

On Motion By: Rachel Shepherd

Seconded By: Larissa Smith

Minutes were approved by all.

1.) Communications

- Lomax Consulting Group – NJDEP CAFRA Individual Permit – Applicant: Conifer Village at Middle Township – Block 1523, Lots 3, 4 and portions of 8 - DEP Issue-reducing buffer-repositioned some of the lots – NO COMMENT
- Monzo Catanese – Application for Development – Wayland & Eleanor Lewis – Address: 205 Reeves St., ; Lot 965; Lot 4 - Variance for undersized lot – Too late to comment.
- Stephen Martinelli – Hardship Variance – Applicant: Island Bay LLC – 35 Seabreeze Lane – Block 117.04; Lot 24 – Going before Zoning Board November 14, 2013. - Revised plan—have high water line drawn in-could not comment-Rached Shepherd had to abstain-comments were made a couple of months back.
- Vincent Lamanna – Seabreeze Lane, Avalon Manor – Block 117.04, Lots 24, 27 & 29 – No comment – this letter was in agreement with EC opinion.
- NJ State DEP – Martee Landfill – Fishing Creek and Indian Trail Road – Permit being Modified – Draft permit will be posted on department website. Vilma is going to check further into this. She is going to call Jody Carrera at ANJEC regarding this.

2) Sustainable Report – Liz Terenik - NONE

3) Unfinished Business

- Farmers Market

Steve has spoken with Farm Bureau, 4H Board and Rutgers. All appear to be excited about the Farmers Market for Middle. Julie, whom he had spoken with from Rutgers, has been transferred to Cumberland County. He has spoken with the woman in charge of the parking lot at the college and is waiting for a return call from her. He is also going to speak with Tammy about vendors. Steve had asked Rachel if she could see if there was any grant money for the startup of a Farmers Market. She said she would check online and with Sturdy.

- Mountain Bike Trail

Steve reported that they got good aerial views of the boundaries for Cape May County Park South and the Township is working on the wetlands delineation for Ocki Wisting. We may have to use the back wooded area of the Par 3 Golf Course if they are agreeable. Could possibly have proposal for path set up by spring, with building to start in the fall. The building can be done by volunteers, only involves removing weeds, leaves, branches off of path area. Township or County would have to front some permits for this. Do not know the length of the trail yet, but hoping to have one that runs at least 5 miles.

- Trees for Harvest Festival

Dawn Stimmel gave the report on the trees that were given out at the Harvest Fest to Cape May County residents. Out of 200 trees, 47 remain. Those 47 were given to the Goshen Complex to replace dead trees on Memory Lane. If any trees are left over, those will eventually be used for future Memory Lane Dedications.

4.) New Business –

Vilma Pombo is going to be doing a table at Christmas in Court House. She is going to be using an artificial tree, approximately 4 feet in height, and will be decorating with edible ornaments for animals. She will have directions to hand out to the children, as well as directions for making a snow globe out of old recycled jars. She will also have a book for Mrs. Claus to read to the children.

5.) Reports - NONE

COMMENTS:

.) Meeting adjourned (time) 7:26 PM

On Motion By: Larissa Smith

Seconded By: Vilma Pombo

Motion passed to adjourn meeting.