



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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, Jeff Schafer, Vilma Pombo, Sue Copson, Betsy Haskin, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Gary Farrow, Lillian Armstrong, Larissa Smith

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – AUGUST 21, 2013

On Motion By: Rachel Shepherd

Seconded By: Vilma Pombo

Minutes were approved by all.

1.) Communications

- Inside the Pinelands Publication
- Remington & Vernick - Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – Applicant: Township of Middle – Address: 7 Fulling Mill Road – Ockie Wisting – No Comment
- T&M Associates – Treatment Works Approval – Applicant: Conifer Village at Cape May Court House – Address: 8 Railroad Avenue – Block 56.01, Lot 46 – Steve is going to call Erik Letterhales at T&M Associates to see if a plant was in original plans or if this is something new added.
- MV Engineering – Hardship Variance – Applicant: Fred McCurry – Address: 29 Beach Avenue – Block: 29, Lot 10 – Going before Zoning Board 10/10/2013- No Comment.
- Lomax Consulting – Waterfront Development Individual Permit and Coastal General Permits – Applicant: The Wetlands Institute – Address: 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd. – Block 315.01; Lots 22 & 22.01 – doing piers and docks that were washed away in Sandy – No Comment

2) Sustainable Report – Liz Terenik - NONE

3) Unfinished Business

- Farmers Market

Steve had a meeting with the 4H Foundation they moved and passed a motion approving the idea of a Farmers Market. They would like to see more use out of the 4-H property. Betsy said the Board of Agriculture thought it was a great idea to have the Farmers Market at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Steve reiterated that wine vendors could give out coupons but not sell at the market. Steve is going to talk with West Cape May Farmers Market to see if they would be willing to share their vendors with Middle. He has spoken with Cape Atlantic Community College about the use of their parking lot. Is also checking into Sturdy donating money to WCM for entertainment at their market. Steve is waiting to hear back from Jennifer Ayres about how the talks went at the college about the market.

4.) New Business –

- 2014 Trees for 2014 Super Bowl – 200 Trees to be given out at Harvest Fest. Vilma has picked out 100 Flowering Dog Woods and 100 Red Maples to be given out at the Harvest Festival. There will be 1 to a family. This is sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture.

5.) Reports - NONE

COMMENTS:

Steve submitted his reports on the lots in Avalon Manor to the Zoning Board. They went before the Zoning Board on September 12th. The proposal for the Stone Harbor Golf Course he was working on was not submitted. It went before the Planning Board on September 10th.

Steve is still in discussion with various entities regarding the mountain bike path. He wants to talk again with the Nature Conservancy and the Fish and Wildlife because he thinks they are under the assumption that a mountain bike is a bike that is motorized, which they are not.

Vilma spoke of a farm in Green Creek that is asking for additional water allocation because of salt water intrusion in their well.

Vilma announced that on September 30th at 6:00 PM there will be a Garden Lecture at the County Library.

.) Meeting adjourned (time) 7:30 PM

On Motion By: Jeff Schafer

Seconded By: Sue Copson

Motion passed to adjourn meeting.