



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF August 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Steve Atzert, Rachel Reed, Jeff Schafer, Vilma Pombo, Sue Copson, Lillian Armstrong; Betsy Haskin, Larissa Smith, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Gary Farrow

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2012

On Motion By: Rachel Reed

Seconded By: Sue Copson

Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

- Lomax Consulting Group – Notification of Application of r an NJDEP CAFRA Individual Permit-Applicant: Fred Langford – Block 335.01, Lot 5.02 (Formerly Lot 5 portions of and Lot 8.01 – Bayberry Drive; TLCG File No: 05-387 –
 - Chairman Atzert asked Susan Copson to follow up on this.
- Revised Plan/Application dated 5/9/2012; Applicant: 47D3LLC; Block 355.02 Lot 1; 1263 Rt 9 S; Scheduled for Zoning Board 8/9/2012; Prepared by Dynamic Engineering; Major Site Plan/Minor Subdivision/Use Variance; Easements and Supplemental Variance Relief-General Dollar
 - Going to Zoning on 9/13/2012. Project comments already made known by Environmental Committee.
- Revised Plan/Application dated 5/3/2012: Applicant: 47D3LLC: Block 13.02 Lot 18: 1616 Rt 9 N; Scheduled for Planning Board 8142-12' Prepared by Dynamic Engineering; Major Site Plan; NJDEP Acceptable Design Flow & Vehicle Circulation Plan-General Dollar
 - Going to Planning Board on 9/27/2012. Project comments already made known by Environmental Committee.
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SUSTAINABLE N.J. REPORT – CHAIRMAN ATZERT

Chairman Atzert wanted to know if the Committee wanted to do another clean up this fall. Decided to do October 27th with a rain date of November 3rd. Will discuss details at next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**ANJEC 2012 – Chairman Atzert reported that he, Liz, Vilma and Rachel met with the Recreation Board regarding Open Space and Recreation Plan - \$8000 Grant with \$4,000 coming from Township. It is a one (1) year action plan involving baseball, hockey, Cape Express, schools, AAU basketball and baseball. Would like to see NJDOT get involved with their Rails to Trails Program. Would also like to involve hiking clubs, sports, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Nature Conservancy. They are talking of having 2 formal meetings with the next meeting to be held September 11. This Open Space and Recreational Plan would become a part of the Master Plan as an attachment.

**Sustainable Jersey Grant – We applied for \$20,000 to recycle water. Pump was delivered on July 13, still not connected. Vilma said she got a call from the Mayor that they want to do a whole new irrigations system and that they are having surveys done.

Lillian spoke of the document from New Jersey American Water that once released will be shocking. One report stated 50 years of water left, we are now lucky if we have 20-30 years left. There is another study coming out by the US Geological Survey soon. Desalination plants are expensive to run. Have 3 options we can do here in South Jersey. Barneget Bay Partnership put out a brochure on local plants that don't need a lot of water. Suggested we check with Barneget to see if they got a grant to put out their brochure.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Betty McGurk came to speak with Commission regarding the Conifer Project that is going in by her. She spoke about water conservation and the fact that a couple of years ago they had salt water intrusion in their well, as well as about 5 other people in her area. She said between 1984 and 1993 she had natural springs all over her property. Wyndemere was the final straw which changed the flow of the water in her area.

She said environmentalist came out against the Conifer Project a few years ago. They read 5 pages of water and recharge into the record. There were 19 different groups that put information in before the Master Plan was approved. There are 3 endangered species living on the Conifer property they plan to build on. They are tree frogs, salamanders and owls. It is an acquisition site, but the State says Conifer has already been approved for permits, but if need be can do redetermination. She had a recording on her cell phone of the tree frogs, which she played for the EC. Said she does not know where to take the information. She said one of the places she plans on taking it to is to the State Endangered Species. She said a person named Tonac was the person that she spoke to at the state about the acquisition site.

Chairman Atzert spoke of US Fish and Wildlife and that in the past they had bought

lots at development prices to prevent them from being built on and to preserve the land.

Vilma spoke of the Harvest Fest on October 20th and said she is looking for volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

On Motion By: Lillian Armstrong

Seconded By: Vilma Pombo

All approved.