



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:29 PM

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Steve Russell, Gary Farrow, Steve Atzert, Jeff Schafer, Vilma Pombo, Susan Copson, Liz Terenek, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Rachel Reed, Christine Kobielnik, Lillian Armstrong

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes - January 19, 2012

On Motion By: Susan Copson

Seconded By: Steve Atzert

Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

- 2012 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grants for Municipalities
- Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps - April 21 and October 20th - 9 AM to 12:30 PM
- Van Note Harvey CAFRA Individual Permit - Mr. William Feraco c/o FCF Realty, Inc.
 - File #0506-11-00-0020.1 CAF 110001-1613 RT 47 S, Block 1511, Lots 2 & 3.
 - Van Note Harvey adding another building between Miracle Fitness and Joe Canals. No recommendations, no objections.
- Inside the Pinelands Publication
- Resignation Letter from Christine Kobielnik
- Correspondence from Pinelands Commission-Public hearing on NJ State Office of Information Technology's proposed Comprehensive Public Safety Tower Plan for Pinelands
 - No Comment

SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY REPORT - LIZ TEREK:

ANJEC Grant written last year by Triad-Open Space and Recreation. We can do this ourselves or submit the way it was already done. The grant is for \$20,000 of which ANJEC will provide \$10,000 and the Township will be responsible for \$5,000 in kind and \$5,000 cash. Will be having Vision meetings. Last year ANJEC wanted more specifics on the Township's contribution.

We should dedicate a discovery area for kids at the Goshen Complex.
Other actions we can do is water conservation, Safe Routes to School, farmers market, farmland preservation.

Would like to invite other boards and commissions to become active in Sustainable Jersey activities. Need to set up a meeting involving all boards or commissions.

On January 6, 2012 we got 150 points and earned the Bronze. To earn a Silver we need 350 points.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sustainable Jersey Meeting
- Natural Sites and Attraction Map
 - Map needs to be updated. Need suggestions.
- Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy
 - Steve Atzert says everyone is saying it might cost more or may cost less. He has received letters back saying it has not cost more. Has had trouble getting information from employees. He is going to call and speak with Andrew Smith about what is being used on the fields now. Organic fields don't look as nice as chemically treated, but are safer. He is ready to move forward, but it is up to the committee.
- Proposed Moretti & Monichetti Development (Thoroughbred Estates) - 531 Goshen Road (see email response from Steve Atzert on 1/25/12)
 - Hearing is March 13. Developer is in touch with Green Acres Program.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Jeff Schafer said state will fund of a lot of the items on the Energy Audit if the Township is interested. The Township needs an energy plan to save the Township money. First step should be to appoint an Energy Manager. Need to draft something up giving the Township a direction to go in.

Liz Terenik and Steve Russell will be attending the February 22nd Work Session to give an overview of the Environmental Commission and to also find out what Township Committee would like the EC to focus on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

On Motion By: Susan Copson

Seconded By: Steve Atzert