



**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Russell.

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 Russell, Gary Farrow, Steve Atzert, Rachel Reed, Vilma Pombo, Lillian Armstrong, Liz Terenik, Jeff Schafer, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Christine Kobielnik, Jim Amenhauser

GUESTS: Jody Carrara, Project Director of ANJEC
Melinda Abrazado, Resident

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2011

On motion by: Lillian Armstrong Seconded by: Gary Farrow
Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

- June 22 Emails from Jody Carraro of ANJEC –“Pesticides and Kids Don’t Mix” and “NJ DEP Best Management Practices.”
- Correspondence from Nature Conservancy-Notice of Green Acres Public Hearing-Administrative Transfer of Parkland – Block 143 Lots 5&7

COMMENTS: No money involved, just transferring of property.

SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY REPORT-LIZ TERENIK - None given-gave presentation on Master Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion held on getting a Green Team together. This needs to be done by Resolution and should include the Environmental Commission. Other Green Teams include someone from

public works, purchasing, administration and the Mayor. People on the Green Team should have some sort of power/authority or some involvement from the Township.

- Talked about the community garden. Handed out some information regarding different projects.
- Clean Up Day will be done on Make a Difference Day, October 22. Jim Amenhauser is looking for an area for us to concentrate on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liz Terenik spoke about the Middle Township Master Plan and gave a presentation, which is attached and made part of these minutes. She reported that in 2010 Middle Township had rewrote the Master Plan. All documents must be consistent with State. Determination on center boundaries had to be made, which were based on sewer system capacity by the DEP, and environs based on lands natural ability to handle septic. Density is number of units per acre The Master Plan is basically a guideline for Zoning and Planning.

COMMENTS:

- Jill Zarharchuck is working on a \$10,000 grant for lighting from Walmart.
- Chairman Russell suggested partnering with the county on different projects, such as an energy audit. Commented we should find some small energy project to do. Suggested we think about what we want to move forward with and endorse, such as water conservation, and open space recreation plan. Where do we want our priorities?
- Steve Atzert said he has spoken with someone at the Technical School and last year they had sold English Ivy, this year they will not be selling that.
- Liz Terenik stated that there was a Sustainable Jersey Complete Streets Conference with good resources and DOT money available.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Atzert

Seconded by Rachel Reed

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM