



## **MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS:** Steve Atzert, Rachel Reed, Vilma Pombo, Sue Copson, Lillian Armstrong, Liz Terenik, Dawn Stimmel

**ABSENT:** Gary Farrow, Jeff Schafer

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Approval of Minutes - February 15, 2012

On Motion By: Vilma Pombo

Seconded By: Sue Copson

Minutes were approved.

### **COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:**

- EDA Moretti & Monichetti Partnership - Tentatively approved for 45 town homes as market value housing, not affordable housing.
- Withdrawal Letter of Interpretation - Richard Adelizzi-No comments
- New single family home-Nicholas Glegor 414 Old Avalon Blvd-rebuilding of home-Comments were glad to see area improved.
- Major Site Plan-building behind Joe Canals - had this at previous meeting.
- ARH-Pierces Point - construction of 1800 sq foot single family home-No comment
- Major Site Plan-10 Oyster Road-Cape Christian Academy - gymnasium

Liz Terenik spoke about the Heritage Byway which is a state project that will extend from Salem County to the Ferry in Cape May. Areas that are being considered to be on the map to visit in Middle Township are Norburys Landing, Cooks Beach, Reeds Beach. This is an opportunity to showcase the above areas and to get funding from the State for improvements to those areas. The idea is to bring attention to the bayside areas. Trying to mesh with public access through DEP. For the Eco Tourism portion, the county needs input on that and Liz would like for EC members to make mark ups and give to her. Another consideration they are thinking of is looking at kayak launches in the Township. She would like ideas from the EC members on any areas they feel would be good.

Liz said the Open Space Grant Application Plan is going in this month. Documents all deal with open space - i.e. Ft apache and Goshen. Will have 2 to 4 public meetings which will count towards our in kind hours.

### **SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY REPORT - LIZ TERENIK:**

Liz announced that Middle Township has received the Bronz metal and we are working on getting the silver metal. Discussed having a Vision Meeting with other boards-decided to do April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Old Court House. Some organizations to consider inviting are ANJEC, Master Gardener's, Energy Educ. Program through the school, bee keepers, local food markets, 4-H, County Board of Agriculture, Middle Township Magnolia Gardening Club, NCRS-Cape May Plant Material Center, Middle and County Chamber and the general public. The meeting will be an overview of Sustainable Jersey, what actions have been taken, overview of different categories we can take actions in, examples of things that could work in our community. Also suggested was to place placards around the room with different actions that the boards could look at and maybe pick an action they would like. Would have a couple of speakers, etc.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The land purchase of open space on 13 curves being sold to Nature Conservancy.

Vilma Pombo reported that Rutgers did not send anything out on pesticides. Landscapers have to be certified and this can be done on line, but must be certified by March 1<sup>st</sup>..

Earth Day is April 21<sup>st</sup> and volunteers are still needed. Bonnie from Shade Tree, Steve Atzert and Rachel Reed have volunteered so far to help Vilma.

Steve Atzert still wants to do something with the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy. Said a lot of places are doing it, it cuts the use of pesticides and fertilizer costs. Is going to talk with Drew and would like to be able to move ahead at our next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

On Motion By: Lillian Armstrong

Seconded By: Rachel Reed