



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Steve Atzert, Rachel Reed, Vilma Pombo, Susan Copson, Betsy Haskin, Larissa Smith

ABSENT: Gary Farrow, Jeff Schafer, Lillian Armstrong, Dawn Stimmel, Liz Terenik

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2012

On Motion By: Rachel Reed

Seconded By: Larissa Smith

Minutes were approved.

1.) Communications

- MV Engineering-Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation-Applicant: Kimberly Aquilino; Property: 11 Gibson Avenue & 2501 Rt 9 S; Block 1062 Lot 1 and Block 1064 Lot 1 – No Comment
- Gibson Associates-NJDEP Coastal General/Individual Permit Application-Applicant: Raymond T. & Rose G. Blythe; Property: 1041 Stone Harbor Blvd.; Block 315.01 Lot 16-Bulkhead replacement – No Comment
- Major Site Plan-Prepared by Birdsall Services Group-Applicant: Middle Township Housing Association, LLC-Address: 8 Railroad Avenue; Block 56.01 Lot 46:-Comments presented at November 13, 2012 Planning Board Meeting by Chairman Atzert. Can still question permits and write the DEP regarding this.
- ANJEC-Complimentary Copy of ANJEC White Paper – “Solar Siting and Sustainable Land Use”.- Need Dawn to order copies for Environmental Committee, Township Committee, Planning and Zoning Boards.
- Hardship Variance-Prepared by Stephen Martinelli-Applicant: Richard Valente; Property: 37 Seabreeze Lane; Block 117.04; Lot 25 – Perm exception CAFRA-Not a hardship-Could locate patio/deck in side yard-not feasible as shown.

2.) Sustainable New Jersey Report-Liz Terenik – None – Media Advisory re: Open Space and Recreation Survey. Vilma suggested posters be placed at the Township recreation facilities,

municipal hall, the library and also that a Robo Call be made. Does not think the library employees are aware of the survey. Also feels we should extend the time.

3.) Unfinished Business

- Comments from Chairman Atzert on proposed development at 8 Railroad Avenue, CMCH – See item #3 above under Communications.
- Farmers Market - discussion on interest and support from local farmers-Chairman Atzert spoke with School Board Member, Dennis Roberts and also met with Agricultural Agents and farmers. There is a lot of interest being shown with a possible start date for the 3rd week in June 2013.
- Open Space Plan-Press release and survey pending.

4.) New Business

- Betsy Haskin wanted to know if it was possible to get a grant for Smart Irrigation for municipal building, fire company or rec center.
- Spring cleanup is postponed until March 16, 2013. Larissa Smith will organize. Will need to do a Robo call and contact the Scouts, the schools, etc, and to put posters in the local businesses.
- Vilma suggested doing a tree at Christmas in Court House for the birds with backyard wildlife habitat and craft information.

5.) Announcements

- December 12th, Eco Tourism Meeting at 9:30-3:00 at the Freeholders Meeting Room.- Whatchable Wildlife in CMC.
- Steve will continue other EC projects for 2013-one being helping residents test their well water and also water conservation.
- Coloring book for children – grant money needed.
- Vilma will send in reservation for Harvest Fest in January 2013 for the EC.

6.) Meeting adjourned (time) 7:55pm

On Motion By: Susan Copson

Seconded By: Betsy Haskin

Minutes submitted by Vilma Pombo, Acting Secretary