



**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Steve Atzert.

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 Atzert, Gary Farrow, Rachel Reed, Christine Kobielnik; Vilma Pombo; Liz Terenik, Jeff Schafer, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Steve Russell, Jim Amenhauser, Lillian Armstrong

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2011

On motion by: Gary Farrow Seconded by: Rachel Reed
Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

- Jessica Daher-Middle EC Sample Letter-Pursue Green Acres Sample Resolution and Upper Township Resolution.

Jeff Schafer felt the above is one sided, that we have no input from the County as to their reason for not applying for the Grant. Steve Atzert felt Fish and Wildlife aspect of Resolution should be downplayed. Vilma feels we should find out what the restricted uses are. It was agreed we would discuss more at next meeting.

SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY REPORT-LIZ TERENIK

Liz stated submittals are complete for Sustainable Jersey. We got points for everything except shrink wrap recycling. The Township has no ordinance for that. At the next Planning Board meeting they will be doing Land Use Actions:

- Sustainable Land Use Pledge
- Complete Streets
- Clean Up

There are a lot more things we can do to get points for the Environment Assessment.

On September 28, 2011 the Township was endorsed by the State as a Smart Growth Community. Smart Growth is a prerequisite to getting CAFRA Centers back. Our entire Township is in the CAFRA Center. Cannot have any more than 3% pervious coverage.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Community Clean Up Day** - Flyers sent out to a lot of different places. Reverse 911 going out next week by Mayor announcing the clean up day. Will have signs at the clean up sites. Need people to sign up people.
- **Harvest Fest** – Vilma asked for volunteers for the Harvest Fest. Steve Atzert, Rachel, Liz and Jeff volunteered to help.
- **Implementation of Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy** – Steve Atzert spoke with Mr. Kowakowski of the City of Linwood. Andrew's concern is about cost. Feels we should wait for more info before passing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Development of Conifer Property – Property located on Railroad Avenue in Rio Grande. Courts are requesting that Middle's Zoning Board reconsider their stand.

COMMENTS:

- Steve Atzert is putting together an Open Space Plan for the Township and will have his comments available by next week.
- Affordable Housing and Beware Floods Ahead – See attached.
- Vilma found info on getting kids involved in environmental projects – See attached.
- Gary Farrow will check with Mark Mallett about doing one building at the Goshen Complex with motion lights.
- Jeff Schafer suggested the Environmental Commission should have a little section in the Herald or do a Facebook page.

Gary Farrow made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Rachel Reed.

Meeting adjourned 8:02 PM