



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:55 PM

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: Vilma Pombo, Rachel Shepherd, Betsy Haskin, Larissa Smith, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Jeff Schafer, Lillian Armstrong, Liz Simpkins, Jim Collins

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2014

On Motion By: Larissa Smith

Seconded By: Rachel Shepherd

Minutes were approved by all.

1.) Communications

- Waters Edge – Coastal General Permit Application Number 9 – Applicant: John J. DiBenedetto; Address: 1 Delaware Ave; Block 451; Lot 19 – NO COMMENT.
- Waters Edge – Invitation for offer of sale-NJDEP Individual Permit Application – Waters Edge on behalf of Francis Musarra; Address: 11 Colgate St; Block 392; Lot 3 – NO COMMENT.
- MV Engineering – Applicant: Diane Krysiak – Address: 17 Oak Avenue; Block 145; Lots 3 & 8: Notice of Appeal or Application for Development. Also Hardship Variance-Going before Zoning Board – **(WITHDRAWN)**

- Remington & Vernick – CAFRA Permit – Grassy Sound Sanitary Sewer System Phases IIIA and IIIB (30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD STARTED 10/1/2014 – NO LONGER OPEN) – NO COMMENT.
- MV Engineering – Applicant: Canterbury Way Residential Subdivision – Address: 1121 & 1126 Rt 9 S; Lot 355.01 Blocks 12 & 13; Treatment Works Approval Application (SCHEDULED FOR 12/9/14 PLANNING BOARD MEETING) – NO COMMENT.
- Lomax Consulting – Applicant: Fred Langford; Address: Fairways at Laguna Oaks; Block 355.01 Lot 5.02 (formerly portions of 5 and 8.01); NJDEP CAFRA Individual Permit Modification Application – NO COMMENT
- A. Ponzio – Applicant: JF Kiely – Address: 916-920 Rt 9 N – Block: 124; Lots 2 & 3: Use Variance and Major Site Plan – Going before Zoning Board – WAITING FOR MORE INFORMATION
- Arcadis – Applicant: Wastewater Management of NJ Middle Martee Landfill Site– Address: Blocks 167.01; Lots 52.02, 53, 54 & 55: Block 168; Lots 9.01, 10 & 11 – Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 14 – NO COMMENT
- MV Engineering – Applicant: Christopher Barone – Address: 11 Kendra Lane; Block 98 Lot 34; NJDEP Individual transition area waiver; cutting or clearing of trees and/or other vegetation – UP TO DEP
- RBA Group – Applicant: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Facilities Improvement Program – Parkway South, PMD 1 Swanton – Application to be submitted to NJDEP, Land Use Regulation Program for a permit for development (See attached plan) – TEARING DOWN BUILDINGS, PUTTING UP NEW BUILDINGS, MOVING SALT SHED, PENDING HEARING.
- Adams, “Rehmann & Heggan – Applicant: CMC – New Correctional Facility – Treatments Works Approval – DONE DEAL – NO COMMENT
- CMC Mosquito Commission – County Wide – Waterfront Development Permit – NO COMMENT.
- Monzo, Catanese & Hillegass – Applicant: DECO 2001 – Address: 414 Garden State Parkway; Block 132.-01; Lot(s) 11 – Use Variance (New Plans) – (SCHEDULED FOR 12/11/14 ZONING) – EC MEMBERS DO NOT AGREE WITH ZONING CHANGE BY AMENDING MASTER PLAN TO CHANGE THIS AREA TO A TOWN CENTER, ZONING CHANGE SHOULD BE DENIED AS THIS PROPERTY IS A RURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE EC DOES NOT FEEL THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A PRESSING NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS.

2.) Unfinished Business

- Christmas in Court House – 12/5/14 (For the Birds (B.Y.H.) crafts for kids – Vilma is making a bird tree and giving out different craft ideas for kids to do.

3.) New Business

- Discussion - plans for EC for 2015 – Dates of meetings and event schedule – Decision made to keep meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month but to change the time to 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM.
- List of Grant Availability & ANJEC Power Point to help (on line 3 weeks) – Vilma announced that this will be on line soon if anyone would be interested in doing it.

4.) Reports

Vilma said she had gone to a Grant Seminar where Atlantic City Electric did a presentation on protecting birds from being electrocuted on wires.

She also spoke of 4 bills that were pending that were submitted in June, one of them dealing with protecting the Monarch Butterflies. She is going to do a letter to Senator VanDrew to try to get these bills moving and passed.

Vilma also said that the EC had gotten the Bronz Certificate for Sustainable Jersey. She wants to see if she can locate more trees to give away during 2015 at different functions.

Betsy said that the County had gotten a 2 Year Planning Grant for the Green Creek Marsh. Leslie Gimeno is the lead person on this. She feels someone from the EC should attend the meetings.

- .) Meeting adjourned (time) 8:20 PM
On Motion By: Betsy Haskin
Seconded By: Larissa Smith
Approved by all.