

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of January 23, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Donna Zilberfarb, Secretary, at 7:31 pm.

Announcement of Proper Notice

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertising in the New Jersey Herald and Express Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

Attendance

Present: Chris Kuhn, Alan DeCarolis, Cliff Kimball, Dale Durling, Jim Simonetti, Dave Cross and Tammy Beckenthal (7:50)

Absent: Chris Jaronsky

Zoning Board: Excused from meeting

Reorganization

- Chris Jaronsky was appointed by Mayor Charles as the Chairman.
- A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to appoint Chris Kuhn as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor - aye.
- A motion was made by Dale Durling to appoint Donna Zilberfarb as secretary, seconded by Alan DeCarolis, all in favor - aye.

Meeting Dates and Times

- A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to approve the 2012 Meeting Dates and Times, seconded by Dale Durling, all in favor - aye.

Minutes

- Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the Environmental meeting minutes of November 28, 2011 minutes, seconded by Cliff Kimball – all in favor, aye. Dale Durling, Cliff Kimball, Dave Cross and Jim Simonetti abstained.

Old Business

Web Page

- Fines/Penalties for Littering - copies of ordinance were handed to all members present. Discussion was made by members regarding no littering signs for the roadways.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to send a letter to the Township Committee recommending a Township Ordinance with fines for littering, seconded by Jim Simonetti, all in favor - aye.

- Christmas Tree Recycling - Have had approximately 40 trees to chip this year.
- Bears and Garbage Cans - Suggested to have a person from NJ Fish, Game and Wildlife come to Founders Day this year. Also suggested to put a copy of the state law in the Frelinghuysen Newsletter next month. C. Kuhn will get information to me prior to February 10th.
- ERI Update - (The Land Conservancy)- Carry to next meeting. Ms. Zilberfarb will get in touch with Barbara Davis at the Land Conservancy before the next meeting.

New Business

- Recycling Center in Town - Frank Desiderio gave a brief summary of how the recycling center is losing money each year and will be closed on March 1, 2012 unless the 40 residents that utilize it wish to continue and pay

for the service. Also mentioned was the fact that Balbi in Blirstown now has a recycling center that is open to the public 5 and a half days a week. When recycling brought to them, if residents tell they are from Frelinghuysen, the town will be credited tonnage yearly. Ms. Zilberfarb will be sending letters to the residents that have used the recycling bin letting them know what is happening and their options.

- 2012 Budget - \$750.00 was submitted for the budget this year, this includes the cost of our ANJEC membership for 2012.
- E-Waste/Arbor Day - Ms. Zilberfarb handed to all members present information on tree seedlings for Arbor Day. After discussion, Mr. Kuhn felt that if we purchase any it should be the hard wood type such as the dogwood. Suggestions that we plant some in the new Forest Preserve area or even around the ball field. Mr. Desiderio commented about the walking trail and a berm that trees would be planted on in front of the houses on Main Street. The Environmental Commission Members offered to help when the time comes and asked they be told when help is needed.

E-waste - Mr. Simonetti handed Ms. Zilberfarb a proposal from AB Computer Recycling LLC. Ms. Zilberfarb will bring all proposals to the next meeting to discuss in further. AB Computer Recycling LLC, Simms Recycling and DonJon Recycling are the 3 companies being looked into for hosting an e-waste day. Things to recycle would be computers, televisions, cell phones, etc (anything electronic) and possibly scrap metal too.

- Fluorescent Light Disposal - Tammy Beckenthal asked where to dispose of these properly. Oxford takes them but should be called prior to taking them to see if only on certain days.
- Planning Board (A. DeCarolis/C. Kuhn) - Kevin Bailey - Chair and Donna Eitner - Vice Chair. The planner is looking into the PO Zone on Route 94.
- Open Space (D. Cross)- Applying for grant to put in trails through the DEP.
- Farmland (C. Kuhn) - Survey on a property has been performed and looking at the target list.
- Zoning Board (D. Zilberfarb) - 2 applications came to the board. Woodcock to cover the breezeway between houses and Gorski to move their existing house to the rear of their property. Also discussed a possible solar farm coming to township. Questions arose regarding taxing of solar panels. Ms. Zilberfarb will contact Hackettstown to see how some of their properties are assessed that have solar panels.

Public Comment

- Debra Natyzak mentioned her surprise of the amount of contact we've had for the ERI update. She handed to Ms. Zilberfarb a copy of the Karst and limestone plans for the board. Ms. Zilberfarb will make copies for all members and get to them prior to the next meeting and will send a copy to the Land Conservancy.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- State of NJ DOT - NJDOT Culvert Replacement

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Tammy Beckenthal, seconded by Jim Simonetti to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary