

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shelley Scoleri, Chairperson, at 7:34 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 Star Gazette, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

Attendance

Present: Shelley Scoleri, Bill Crone, Maureen Cullen (7:50), Alan DeCarolis, Rich Dericks, Lore Billing and Bill Bromirski

Absent: Russ Walters

Reorganization

Shelley Scoleri was appointed as the Chair, and Bill Crone was appointed as the Vice Chair by the Mayor and Township Committee.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to approve the 2009 calendar, seconded by Rich Dericks, all in favor – aye.

New members appointed for 2009 were Bill Bromirski and Lore Billing.

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the December 22, 2008 minutes, seconded by Rich Dericks – all in favor, aye. Bill Crone abstained.

Public Comment

Old Business

Superfund Cleanup – Greendell road

- Frank Desiderio spoke to members present regarding background with this site. Stated because it is not owned by the township we have no jurisdiction over the property. A letter was sent from the township engineer to the owner. Mr. Bromirski will oversee the superfund site and meet with Brenda Kleber to go through the files in the town hall.

Recycling Containers

- Frank Desiderio will get/put a separate recycling barrel at the fields in back of the town hall. Maureen Cullen will speak with Dr. Klett, the superintendent of the elementary school, regarding obtaining some recycling containers for the fields outside on the school grounds.

Christmas Tree Recycling

- So far there were approximately 6 trees dropped off behind town hall for chipping.

Amphibian Crossing

- Ms. Zilberfarb provided contact information to Kris Shantz of the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Sustainable New Jersey

- Website is not running yet, all members are asked to keep checking so that we may enter the certification program for municipalities that want to go green.

Budget

- Ms. Scoleri submitted a request for the budget to be \$900.00 this year, and was told by Mr. DeCarolis that we've received \$750.00 for 2009. The ANJEC membership renewal will be submitted this month.

New Business

Solar Energy

- Ms. Cullen stated that there may be more money and incentives for this year and we should look into again. Ms. Zilberfarb will invite Alex Cornella and Sister Miriam MacGillis to the February meeting to obtain more information from them.

Energy Consumption Audit

- Ms. Scoleri contacted JCP&L and inquired about an energy consumption audit and found it to be extremely costly.

ANJEC Smart Planning Growth Grant

- Lore Billing will look into this grant and get back to the commission at the next meeting as to what needs to be done for completion.

Planning Board Report (A. DeCarolis)

- Angeleri – deemed complete
- James Alexander – deemed complete
- Brian Kramer – Variance for steep slope for driveway
- Kevin Bailey is the Chair and Bob Young is the Vice Chair.
- Ms. Zilberfarb will contact Brenda Kleber and Sharon Drylie to obtain a representative from the Planning Board for our commission.

Open Space Report (M. Cullen)

- Draft outreach letter to potential landowners from the township, not the land conservancy.
- The Warren County Charitable Trust Grant and the Green Acres Grant were approved for the possible purchase of the Reisberg property.
- Reisberg property – Back 20 acres could be purchased by township for a minimal cost.
- Chipper party at the school to remove ailanthus trees, date to be determined.
- At Founders Day this year Open Space will have an informational table set up.
- Robin Randolph is the Chair and Nancy Nicholoff is the Vice Chair.

Zoning Board Report (A. DeCarolis in the absence of R. Walters)

- Nick Sorano – wants to put a second accessory apartment on his property – deed restricted.
- Chris Stracco is the Chair and Kevin Bailey is the Vice Chair.

NJ Forestry Management Plan (B. Crone)

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- ANJEC membership
- ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Grant – deadline 3.31.09
- NJ Shade Tree Federation - Membership

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Rich Dericks to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary