

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of December 17, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rich Dericks at 8:10 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: Rich Dericks, Alan DeCarolis, Shelly Scoleri, Bill Crone, Bernita Radabaugh and Russ Walters.

Absent: Ray Deloreto, Maureen Cullen, Rick Smith and Sister Miriam MacGillis.

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the revised November 26, 2007 minutes, seconded by Shelly Scoleri – all in favor, aye. Bernita Radabaugh and Russ Walters abstained.

Old Business

Superfund Cleanup – Grendell Road

- Letter was sent to the Township Committee asking for approval to have Ed Wacks, the Township attorney contact the owner.

Solar Panels

- Letter has been sent to the Frelinghuysen Township Elementary School asking for their help in adding solar panels within our community.
- Donna Zilberfarb will obtain the ordinance from the Planning Board Secretary for solar panels.

2008 Budget

- Proposing \$1,000.00 for the Environmental Budget for year 2008. This will cover any training costs and any additional items needed throughout the year.

Webpage

- Mr. Dericks mentioned going to the old webpage for the township and it not redirecting to the new one. After speaking with the webpage group, they are working out some glitches and said it should be fixed soon, so when you Google Frelinghuysen you should be taken to our new site. There is a newsletter coming out that will have the new web address printed on every page.

New Business

- Maureen Cullen will be placing a paragraph in the Mustang Messenger at school in regards to recycling your boxes this holiday season, as well as all year round.

- Russ Walters handed all members present a copy of Stillwater Townships Environmental Commission 2007 Newsletter. Questioned if this was something we should do.

Planning Board Report

- No new applications
- Minor subdivision on Wasigan Road – variance Block 602, Lot 4 – Ron Darling
- Mr. Lavery is working on the Solar Ordinance and should have proposal by January meeting.

Zoning Board Report

- Deemed complete - came back for a variance for the 5 acre lot for 10 unit townhouse for residential zoning track with 2 units being age restricted and low income housing. Obtaining a permit for drilling the well. Looking to see them back after January.

Public Comment

- Nancy Nicholoff and Robin Randolph handed out and discussed the Community Forestry Management Plan. This would promote “the planning, design, and management of vegetation on public land in and around communities to maximize their economic, social, visual and environmental contributions to the well being of the community.” It would be a joint effort between the environmental commission and Open Space commission. Need to complete a grant application for up to \$3,000 toward consulting costs for developing a community forestry management plan. Ms. Nicholoff and Ms. Randolph have requested Bill Crone to work with them in these efforts.

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve Bill Crone to work with Ms. Nicholoff in obtaining the NJ Community Forestry Program – 2008 Green Community Grants, seconded by Russ Walters – all in favor, aye.

Correspondence

- LOI – Property on Route 94, 23 acres in middle of Silver Lake and Kerrs Corner Roads.
- ANJEC training updates

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Bernita Radabaugh, seconded by Shelly Scoleri to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary
Township of Frelinghuysen
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