

UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, Seabrook, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order and the following Notice was read:

This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield. In compliance with the The Open Public Meetings Act and a schedule of regular meetings Containing the time and location and date of each meeting was Posted in the Municipal Building at Seabrook, New Jersey, which Notice has remained so posted throughout the year and copies of The regular meetings have been mailed to The News of Cumberland County and filed with the Township Clerk in compliance with said Act.

Roll call was taken.

Those present were:

Members: Blake Maloney, Sandra Morrissey, Lynn Maun, Ken Lavine, Steven Smith, Eileen Clark, and Alternate: Whitney King.

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton., Liaison: Bruce Peterson and Liaison: John T. O'Neill, Sr.

Members absent: Alternate: Caroline Owens and Ernest Holt.

On motion of Sandra Morrissey, seconded by Eileen Clark to approve the minutes of February 2, 2011, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Pisarski, Principal Planner for Cumberland County, gave an overview of how the Farmland Preservation program works and how other municipalities have set up to let the county process applications/submissions to the state for the local & municipal planning incentive grant programs. Mr. Pisarski stated that as of now Upper Deerfield Township has five farms pending preservation. Upper Deerfield has an allocation from the state for approximately \$750,000.00 which could be used toward these five farms. Mr. Pisarski, also gave an overview on the Cumberland County Sewer Service Area map that is out for review. He also noted that the next Open Space meeting for the County is set for March 10th, at 9:30 am.

A Site Plan Review Committee was established and members will be Sandra Morrissey, Chairperson, Lynn Maun and Steven Smith. The purpose of this committee is to review site plans prior to our monthly meetings. They will report back to the committee on a monthly basis.

Blake Maloney also thanked Sandra Morrissey for the excellent work she has done in keeping the commission moving smoothly in his absence.

Sandra Morrissey stated that the commission received an email that it was time to submit an annual report for what the commission has done over the past year. Caroline Owens prepared a report and it was submitted to Anjec. Anjec called and stated that this was one of the best reports they had received. Also, Sandy sent farewell wishes on behalf of the commission for Suzanne McCarthy's retirement.

A. Correspondence –

Anjec Training – How to protect Natural Resources March 7, 2011, let Teresa Warburton know if you will be attending so she can get everyone registered.

Anjec Networking Event – March 29, 2011 Conservation Design in Franklinville – contact Teresa to register for this workshop.

Vernal Pool Workshop – April 6, 2011 at 6 pm, and our regular monthly meeting has been rescheduled for April 13, 2011 at 7 pm.

Concerned Citizens will be holding a meeting on March 9, 2011 at 7 pm at the Upper Deerfield Township Municipal Building in the court room. Eileen Clark stated that Bill Whelan will be the guest speaker to discuss the County budget, taxes, etc.

B. Zone updates

None

C. General

- a. Workshop Review Status:
The workshop Committee has three workshops for this year, all of which are confirmed.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Planning board – Sandra Morrissey informed the committee that a recommendation was submitted to the Planning Board requesting that a soil test be conducted (according to DEP Guidelines) on the Galetto/Adult Day Care/Project given the fact that development was occurring on farmland.
- b. Master Plan Review Committee – No Meeting.

- c. Recreation Commission – The Recreation area is running out of room, not only for little league but also soccer fields. Also parking is going to be an issue when soccer installs the new fields proposed as they will be placed in the largest parking area they have. Recreation Commission also is looking for a secretary.
 - d. Economic Development – No Report.
 - e. Open Space Advisory Committee – Township committee is currently in discussions to see what can be done as there are attendance problems with low participation. Township Committee will discuss at their 3/3/11 meeting.
5. **Unfinished Business –**
- a. Farmland Preservation Plan Status – Planning Board has accepted & memorialized the plan at its 2/23/11 meeting. Blake Maloney will touch basis with the Farmland Preservation Committee to set up a meeting for next week.
 - b. Upper Deerfield Community Day is set for April 30, 2011, Lynn will not be available that day, Philip Arsenault has confirmed that he will attend. Lynn will follow up to see if he will do an Enviro Scape or Bugs that day. Blake asked the Commission to try to set aside an hour or two for volunteering at Community Day Booth.
 - c. Upper Cohansey River Watershed Restoration Plan.

Review & Status of Development Application

None

Member's Comments

Blake Maloney – commented that the Newsletter filing deadline is set for March 11th.

Sandy Morrissey – stated that the Time of Application Law Becomes Effective May 5, 2011. She also commented that last month we discussed the hearings regarding the liquefied natural gas and that all of the public meetings that were scheduled have been cancelled and our governor has vetoed the bill. Also to follow up on a discussion from last month on whether or not batteries are recyclable an easy way to remember is, if it is rechargeable, then it's recyclable.

Public Comments

Nancy Ridgeway – commented that the County talked about another penny tax for open space. Louis Fisher called the DEP regarding the monitoring of Indian Fields Run to see if South State has been polluting. The County gave approval for the Adult Day Care Center, which will be moving from Fairfield Township to Upper Deerfield Township. Ms. Ridgeway also stated that she is very proud of what this committee has done to request the soil sample for projects.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Steve Smith to adjourn at 8:30 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary
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