

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, May 4, 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, Lynn Maun, Steven Smith, Ernest Holt, Alternate: Caroline Owens and Alternate: Whitney King.

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

Members absent: Sandra Morrissey, Eileen Clark and Ken Lavine.

On motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Whitney King to approve the minutes of April 13, 2011, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

A. Correspondence/Workshops–

Healthy lawns and Soil Quality – Rutgers is hosting two **seminars** at the Cumberland County 4-H Center in Rosenhayn on May 16th and May 26th from 6:30-7:30 pm.

How to Protect Ponds and Lakes – Cancelled for May 10th – New date June 14, 2011.

ANJEC Workshop: May 16th planning for solar development 5:30-8:30pm at the Franklin Township Community Center, 1584 Coles Mill Road, Franklinville. Please let Teresa know if you plan to attend so that she can get you registered.

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B. Zone updates

Lynn Maun suggested that everyone has a specific area to monitor and keep reporting. Ernest Holt agreed with Lynn Maun and to look at re-vamping the zones and include the alternates. Blake Maloney will redo the map and have ready for the next meeting.

C. General

None.

D. Committee Reports

- a. Planning Board/Zoning Board – The Planning Board is currently working on a colorized zoning map. Ernest Holt questioned the Shade Tree ordinance for clear cutting percentage, it was suggested that he should contact the Solicitor for review.
 - b. Master Plan Review Committee – No Report
 - c. Recreation Commission – No Report.
 - d. Economic Development – No Report.
 - e. Open Space Advisory Committee – Caroline Owens attended the Cumberland County Open Space Meeting and the final draft has been approved and now available on the County's website.
 - f. Site plan review committee – Sandy Morrissey has the plans and maps for Clement Pappas Block 905 Lot 1, which shows the addition on the front of the building to make their own bottles on site and reduce the amount of inbound loads of bottles. They would produce and blow the bottles on site. 600 psi injection molding to be done on site.
5. **Unfinished Business** –
- a. Upper Deerfield Community Day had a small turnout since the weather was not very nice. Whitney King did bring some oysters for the kids to see, however they enjoyed seeing Blake Maloney eat the oysters.

Review & Status of Development Application

Clement Pappas Block 905 Lot 1

Member's Comments

Steve Smith – stated that the Southern Pine Bark Beetle is in our forests and everyone needs to be aware.

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Caroline Owens – stated that she would be in favor of sponsoring the showing of Journey to Planet Earth. What are the committee’s feelings on trying to put this together as a workshop, maybe in August time frame. Caroline will get more details and follow up at next meeting.

Public Comments

Nancy Ridgeway – commented that the Cumberland County Freeholders are thinking about not collecting the penny tax and increase your taxes so that you will not notice later on. Marcie Sheppard stated that they can reduce but not totally remove the tax as this was per referendum. The State is sending down Green Acres money this year but may not see anymore for about 5 years. The solar developers if generating more than 10 megs would not have to go to the BPU..

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Steve Smith to adjourn at 8:00 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary
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