

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, September 7, 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, Ernest Holt, Eileen Clark, and Alternates: Caroline Owens. And Bill Waterman.

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

On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Lynn Maun to approve the minutes of August 3, 2011, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee introduced themselves and welcomed new member William Waterman. The Committee established a Cohansy River Task Force committee. A meeting will be held on Friday, September 9th at 10am at the David Sheppard House on the Cohansy River Watershed Restoration Plan implementation of the research conducted by Rutgers.

A. Correspondence–

Senate Bill 2950 and Assembly Bill 4128 – Sandra Morrissey gave an overview of what her thoughts of the proposed bills. The Committee has decided that these bills should be forwarded over to the Planning Board and Township Committee for their review as well. On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Eileen Clark to forward copies to the Planning Board and Township Committees for their review.

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Eileen Clark commented that The Cumberland County Improvement Authority will be having a waterways cleanup soon. Eileen will get details and report back at the next meeting.

Steve Smith commented that there will be an Anjec workshop on the Birds and the Bees that I will be attending if anyone else would like to go.

B. Workshops

1. Why are our trees dying? – September 27th 7pm Richard Buckley from Rutgers.
2. Water Workshop Tapped- the movie – November 7th 7 pm conducted by Lynn Maun.

C. Zone updates

Lynn Maun commented that Silver Lake Road is getting a lot of traffic lately since the recent storm damage and they are starting to use it as a drag strip. Blake Maloney commented that he will follow up with Dan Orr at the Cumberland County Public Works on speed monitoring.

D. Committee Reports

- a. Planning Board/Zoning Board – None
- b. Master Plan Review Committee – No Report
- c. Recreation Commission – Mr. Lavine commented that all is well, soccer and football are now playing and that recreation needs more land.
- d. Economic Development – No Report.
- e. Open Space Advisory Committee – No Meeting.
- f. Site Plan Review Committee - Millennium is coming up next Monday night on the solar panels. Caroline Owens will email copy of the BEN column write up.

D. Unfinished Business

None

Review & Status of Development Application

None

Member's Comments

Blake Maloney – Welcomed new member William Waterman and hopes to have his continued support and hopes that he has a better understanding of how things work now.

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Lynn Maun – commented that at the recycling center do we recycle electronics? Mr. O’Neill, Sr. commented that right now Dennis Dematte at CCIA has it worked out that it is picked up and recycled at no cost for now to the Township, as long as Dennis Dematte still have a contract with CCIA.

William Waterman – asked if anything is out there to help preserve what is left along the Cohansey River Watershed.

Steve Smith – commented that on Tuesday the NJ Quail Project had finalized the deal with Waste Management for Quail Project releases at the wheel-a-brater site.

Sandra Morrissey – commented that thorobred estates are currently pumping out the basins with a small pump. Mr. O’Neill, Sr. commented that Mr. Nocentino is on a timeline to get the basin issues resolved otherwise the committee will have to pull his letter of credit.

Public Comments

Becky McCubbin –went by the Bank of Elmer today and they are still watering the lawn after 23 1/3 inches of rain recently.

Nancy Ridgeway – commented The Cumberland County Planning Board meeting on master plan will be at 2:30 pm on October 5, 2011 at the Cumberland County Administration Building. The County is working on their development standards; Irving Avenue has a 90 ft. Right of Way proposed and Tice’s Lane would be a 50 ft. Right of Way, Weber Road, Cake Road, and Parsonage Road also would have a 50 ft. Right of Way any other roadway would be a 66 ft. Right of Way if not listed otherwise. The Right of Way is for drainage. The AC Press and trouble with Retention basins article is from September 4th newspaper.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary