

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, November 7, 2012 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, Steven Smith, Eileen Clark and Alternates: Caroline Owens and William Waterman.

Members absent: Ken Lavine.

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton.

On motion of Sandy Morrissey, seconded by Lynn Maun to approve the minutes of September 5, 2012, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Clean up Event November 17, 2012 at the Wildlife Nature Preserve at 9 am on Old Burlington Road.
- B. Anjec Conference of October 20, 2012 held in New Brunswick area – Jim Florio quote “If we do not have environmental sensitivity we will not have economic development.” The open space program is now done and the money is gone. The Waste Water Management Plan, need to keep.
- C. Anjec Seminar on partners in wildlife also held on October 1, 2012 the partners were talking about the habitat creation and funding, ACE was there and how they coordinate with the NJ Bee people were also there to learn how to become a bee keeper.
- D. Correspondence – Response to Outdoor Wood Burning Stove use – Documentation prepared to present to the Planning Board meeting on November 19, 2012.
- E. Legislative Issues – no issues currently, update on SCR59/ACR37 bill to block waiver rule – dead issue currently.
- F. Workshops - Septic system workshop held on September 26, 2012, very well attended.
- G. Zone updates – None.
- H. Committee Reports
 1. Planning board/Zoning Board – No Report.
 - a. Sub-committee on Open Space/Vacant land – No Report.
 2. Recreation Commission – No Report.
 3. Economic Development – No Report.

4. Open Space Advisory Committee – On Hold No Report.
5. Site Plan Review Committee – No Report.
6. Cohansey Area Watershed Association – Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2012.
7. Unfinished Business – The County Planning Board commented that Steliga property is in foreclosure and is requesting release of the guarantee they had to give up approvals so any new developer would have to reapply and the Township is aware of the property.

Review & Status of Development Application

Felipe LaBoy – Block 2301 Lot 11.03 – outdoor wood boiler – committee made a presentation to the Planning Board with regards to the outdoor wood boilers.

Robert Hasher – Block 1708 Lot 19 – minor lot line adjustment – No Comment.

Farm Credit East – Block 2501 Lot 2 – addition and expansion of vestibule – No Comment.

Member's Comments

Steve Smith – goals for 2013 would like to see an adopt a road program on municipal level sort of like what the county has in place, I have some lag time and could pick up and dispose of the bags properly after the clean up has been completed.

Public Comments

Layne Ball – commented to follow up on what Steve Smith said signs might not be a good idea, maybe they could put an article in the newsletter.

Becky McCubbin – storm drains need to keep clean could a memo to address the storm drains cleaning, mowing, etc.

A request to draft a letter to public works department for complaints brought to the Commissions attention of storm drain cleaning and mowing. On motion of Bill Waterman, seconded by Caroline Owens to draft a letter to the Township Public Works on storm drain cleaning, mowing, etc.

Nancy Ridgeway – The recycling grant received \$40,000.00 to put into the newsletter to praise the citizens hard work.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Steve Smith to adjourn at 7:35 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary