

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, April 4, 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, Ken Lavine, Steven Smith,

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton., Liasion: Bruce Peterson.

Members absent: Ernest Holt, Eileen Clark, and Alternates: Caroline Owens and William Waterman.

On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Sandy Morrissey to approve the minutes of March 7, 2012, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter was sent to Township Committee to change name of Munyon Property to "Upper Deerfield Wildlife Nature Preserve".
2. Clean up of Upper Deerfield Wildlife Nature Preserve was held on March 24 and took out 6.24 tons per Dennis DeMatte. William Waterman requested that Thank You letters be sent out the volunteer groups that participated in the clean up.
3. Legislative Issues – No Update.
4. Workshops

Workshop Committee update – next meeting to be held on April 30th to finalize the rest of the year workshops..

Backyard Habitat update – Blake gave an overview of the workshop and thanked Lynn Maun for the presentation and also thanked the Nurserymen who donated the plants for those that attended the meeting.

5. Zone updates – None.

6. Committee Reports

a. Planning board/Zoning Board – None.

a. Sub-committee on Open Space/Vacant land – Lynn Maun reported that meeting was held recently and a lot of what our subcommittee is working on goes hand in hand with the planning boards committee also.

b. Recreation Commission – April 2nd meeting was held and Ken Lavine had gone to the Little League Congress in March, at that time Mr. Lavine became aware of things that the leagues are doing wrong and wanted to update them on how they need to be careful of how they treat paying for umpires, since it could change from volunteers to having workman's compensation claims and tax issues. Baseball is going well, and each league will have a booth at Community Day.

c. Economic Development – No Report.

d. Open Space Advisory Committee – Next meeting will be June 6, 2012 at 6pm.

e. Site Plan Review Committee – No Report.

f. Cohansey River Watershed Task force – Blake informed that commission that next meeting is set for April 12, 2012 at 10am at the Sheppard House. The Cohansey River Watershed Task force has established in interim commission members while trying to establish a non-profit status. They have also created a youth and education run by William Waterman, OutReach – run by Caroline Owens, and Technical – run by Matt Blake. Blake Maloney commented that they are currently reviewing By Laws to modify for this area.

g. Master Plan Review – No updates since last meeting.

8. Unfinished Business –

Community Day is set for April 28, 2012 – Blake Maloney will not be able to attend. Sandy Morrissey will not be able to attend. Handouts were provided to decide on what to handout and if more copies were needed.

Lynn Maun – commented that there is a 501 C3 Nonprofit group on invasive species for New Jersey area and how they are taking over. There is a list of target species which we should not purchase that are invasive species. The Invasive Species Strike Force is cleaning up streams that invasive species plants are taking over and lots of money being spent on these cleanups. Lynn Maun will research more and see if the

Environmental Commission could possibly join the Strike Force and report back at the May meeting. Website if you would like to research is www.NJISST.org for Invasive species.

Review & Status of Development Application

None.

Member's Comments

None.

Public Comments

Tom Connelly – commented on the Bittersweet and how it was introduced in 1860 which is now up and down the East Coast, and in Canada and Iowa too. World of Wood Magazine has a good article on this as well.

Nancy Ridgeway – commented that the State passed a law on Septic Systems and guidelines that will affect homeowners.

Blake Maloney commented that Kim Bell and I will be doing a presentation on the radio to address the septic system law and how it will affect homeowners to educate the public for the new changes.

Lynn Maun commented that she took part in a science forum on the Kirkwood-Cohansey an the purpose of the forum was to help since they have not passed a water policy yet. Wetlands and how much impact will affect the area and wetlands should be preserved at all costs with no impact in the wetlands areas.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Sandra Morrissey to adjourn at 8:35 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary

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