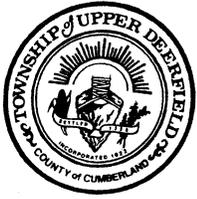


UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, May 2, 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: Sandra Morrissey, Lynn Maun, Ernest Holt, Eileen Clark and William Waterman.

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

Members absent: Blake Maloney Ken Lavine, Steven Smith, and Alternates: Caroline Owens

On motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Sandy Morrissey to approve the minutes of April 4, 2012, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

1. Correspondence – The **County** recently received a clean community's grant in the amount of \$140,000.00. The environmental commission would like to see **permanent** signs **placed** at the convenience center about the use of tarps. Sandy Morrissey referred to an email from Caroline Owens dated 5/2/12 indicating that since Upper Deerfield received \$12,657 to fund litter cleanup projects the township could consider using some of the funds to install signs at the convenience center and purchase trash receptacles for the playing fields and maintain the receptacles. The entire committee agreed to put these recommendations in a memo to the Township Committee as per the suggestion of Mr. Peterson

Bill Waterman asked how the enforcement is going at the recycling center. Mr. Peterson commented that CCIA is the enforcer for the convenience center and requirement for tarps. CCIA will have an enforcement officer eventually come to our

center and hand out information to residents informing them that the enforcement is forth coming.

Nancy Ridgway commented that Fairfield Township had a man who used to write tickets however he spent a lot of time in court.

2. Legislative Issues – None.

3. Workshops

Workshop Committee update – Sandy Morrissey informed the committee that the Workshop Committee meet on April 30th to finalize the remaining year's workshops. Currently the proposed Fish Workshop is scheduled for June.– September - septic issues with Kim Bell from the Cumberland County Health Department.

Nancy Ridgway commented that septic systems have to be reported to the health department by either the owner of the property or the contractor for possible malfunction issues on older systems which may affect homeowners who still have cesspools, which are no longer permitted to be installed.

Community Day – Lynn Maun commented that the committee had some great handouts, and some children came out to look for the crayfish we had on display so we had a decent turnout even though it was very cold and definitely need more committed help for next year.

4. Zone updates –

Eileen Clark – commented that Mike Pangburn does a good job of keeping up the maintenance and clean up.

Lynn Maun – commented that Thorobred Estates is working well on the drainage basin and it seems to be draining properly as designed given the recent rains, which was approximately 2 inches.

5. Committee Reports

a. Planning board/Zoning Board –.

a. Sub-committee on Open Space/Vacant land – Lynn Maun reported that meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 7th to review maps of land for preserved farmlands, open space, greenways and birding areas..

b. Recreation Commission – No Report.

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 Area Watershed Association – Sandy Morrissey reported that the

CAWA met on April 12, 2012. You can refer to our minutes of 4/4/12 for items that were addressed at that meeting.

8. Unfinished Business –

Invasive Species Strike Task Force Team of NJ – tabled till June meeting for Lynn Maun to report on..

Outdoor Wood Boilers – tabled till June meeting for Blake Maloney to report on.

Review & Status of Development Application

None.

Member's Comments

Lynn Maun commented that a Land use Attorney commented that some municipalities are requesting bonding to ensure the removal of solar panels at the end of the term set. Small home generation solar arrays support systems into the master plan. The Mid-Atlantic fishery council is having a public hearing on May 17th at 7 pm to report on the potential changes to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan, also to address the river herring and shad amendment that was recently passed to hopefully protect and restore these fish, if you can attend they are very informative.

Bill Waterman – asked if any of the farmers are doing any of the riparian buffering? Sandy and Lynn commented that a grant is available to reimburse the farmers for not farming up to the streams edge. Bill Waterman will do some research for the next meeting on the riparian farming.

Public Comments

Tom Connelly – commented the he received a mailing on the wildflower celebration of 600 acres of native plants in DE if anyone would like to go the website is www.mtcubacenter.org. it will be held on April 29th from 10-4 pm with free admission.

Becky McCubbin – The connector road between Wawa and Walmart the storm drains are still filled with water and debris.

Nancy Ridgeway – commented that Matt Pisarski reported that the Ag Tourism is going to have farm markets have their parking be 50 feet away from the right of ways as new requirements per the proposed Ag Bill..

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ernest Holt, seconded by Eileen Clark to adjourn at 8:40 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary