

# UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 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 South Jersey Times 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, Caroline Owens, Steven Smith, Ken Lavine, and Alternates: William Waterman and Jack Waselik.

Members Absent: Eileen Clark.

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

On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Sandy Morrissey to approve the minutes of February 6, 2013, unanimously carried

### New Business

1. Sharing of environmental observation around township -  
No comments.
2. Request for scout troop to put up bird houses at the UD Wildlife Nature Preserve.  
Troop 98 Donald Counselor, Sr. and Donald Counselor, Jr. showed a demo of the bird houses that they would like to install. The birdhouses will house bluebirds, woodpeckers. Their goal is to have the houses installed by end of May.
3. Presentation – SJ Quail Project – Tom McGuinness and Joe Matter gave a PowerPoint presentation on developing a landscape-level quail management plan with no-net loss of habitat value for endangered and threatened species. The plan was developed by the well known Dr. Larry Niles. Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Matter are requesting that Upper Deerfield Environmental declare our support of this project by writing a letter to the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.

4. Correspondence –

- a) Anjec letter –Letter received thanking the Commission on the Annual report review.
- b) April 11<sup>th</sup> Sal Mangiafico from Rutgers will be holding a farmers funding presentation on grasslands.

5. Legislative Issues

- a) Waiver Rule - Sandy Morrissey gave an overview of the waiver rule.

6. Workshops/Goals

- a) It's your Turf – March 19<sup>th</sup> report – Blake Maloney reported that the commission would have liked to have seen more people attend..  
Birding Workshop – June 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Handout provided by Caroline Owens.
- c.) Climate Change – October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Dave Robinson, state climatologist will be coming to do a presentation. The Commission discussed a fee for Dave Robinson and on motion of Sandy Morrissey, seconded by Ken Lavine that a fee of \$250.00 be paid to Dave Robinson for his presentation on October 9, 2013.
- d.) Community Day – April 27<sup>th</sup> – a sign up sheet was provided for the commission members to sign for times available for community day.

7. Committee Reports

- A) Planning board/Zoning Board – Jack Waselik – No Report.
- b) Recreation Commission – Ken Lavine reported that soccer is now playing, Little League starts on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Midget Football is doing ok. The Township Engineer has begun the Handicap Accessibility for the Recreation Department updates.
- c) Economic Development – No Report.
- d) Open Space Advisory Committee – No Report.
- e) Cohansey Area Watershed Association – Blake reported that the next meeting is set for 4/4/13 at 10 am. CAWA is now officially a 501 C3 classification and can now accept donations and memberships. CAWA is also running a slogan contest and will have cash prizes for the winners.
- f) Trails Committee – The trail committee consists of Steve Smith as chairperson. Members are: Blake Maloney, Caroline Owens, Ken Lavine and Sandra Morrissey, along with resident Layne Ball. The trail committee will meet immediately following tonight's Environmental meeting.

8. Unfinished Business –

- a) Outdoor Wood Boiler –a presentation was made by Lynn Maun to the Planning Board on the outdoor wood burning stoves and Jack Waselik commented that he felt it went well and commented that the Planning Board likes to be up on current laws and is always open to additional education.

**Review & Status of Development Application**

None

### **Member's Comments**

William Waterman – commented that on April 13, 2013 CAWA will be doing a tree planting at the Old Cohansey Country Club now known as the Cohansey Bluffs.

Caroline Owens – reported that the Newsletter deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> for End of May mailing. So we will need to keep an eye on our upcoming events and try to get into the Newsletters in advance of the events.

### **Public Comments**

Tom Connelly – just wanted to let the commission know there appears to be an invasive plant of Bamboo on Manheim Avenue in Bridgeton if you get a chance to go by and see it.

Layne Ball – asked about the Recreation Trash and what can be done about it? Ken Lavine commented that Little League and soccer are suppose to be policing their own areas. Layne Ball also commented that he would like to be involved in the Trails Committee.

Doug Ramseur – Resident commented that on the SJ Quail Project that I would hope to see that our Township would get on board and help out with the restoration of the Bob White Quail.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Sandy Morrissey to adjourn at 8:45 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton  
Secretary