

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 1, 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, and Ken Lavine.

Members Absent: Eileen Clark, Steven Smith and Alternates: William Waterman and Jack Waselik

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

On motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Ken Lavine to approve the minutes of April 3, 2013, unanimously carried

New Business

1. Sharing of environmental observation around township -
No comments.
2. Correspondence –
 - a) The EPA has a homeowner's septic manual in Spanish – Blake Maloney received an email which he can provide upon request.
 - b) Letter from Clara Holt – thanking the commission from the passing of Ernest "Dooley" Holt
 - c) Seabrook Farms – Conectiv (Atlantic City Electric) right of way DEP wetlands request for interpretation.
 - d) Letter of Interpretation of wetlands boundary on Sunset Lake.
3. Legislative Issues:
None.

4. Workshops/Activities

- a) Birding Workshop – June 11, 2013, Joan Galetto of Citizens united will be doing the presentation Caroline Owens made a motion to do an honorarium of \$100.00 for the presentation, seconded by Lynn Maun to thank her for doing our workshop. The spin off for children that Lynn Maun will be doing a parent will need to attend with the child; also Blake Maloney will follow up with Roy Spoltore on the insurance coverage's and if permission slips are needed.
- c.) Climate Change – October 9th, 2013 – the committee is still working on.
- d.) Community Day – Environmental Commission – Bees were such a good idea. The Commission members feel that unless we have something to attract the people it is not worth having a table with literature.

5. Committee Reports

- A) Planning board/Zoning Board – Jack Waselik – No Report.
- b) Recreation Commission – Ken Lavine – No Report.
- 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 5/2/13 at 10 am to discuss business and agenda does not have a presentation this time.
- f) Trails Committee – spoke with Mayor Crilley on creating the trail and the need to compile some more information to see if it is possible to do this project. The irrigation pond on the property could become an attractive nuisance and should not place the trail near that area.

6. Unfinished Business –

- a) SJ Quail Project response letter – tabled till June 5, 2013 meeting waiting on a follow up from Steve Smith on what exactly the project is asking for.

Review & Status of Development Application

None

Member's Comments

Caroline Owens – reported that she attended a webinar on how Atlantic City Electric Right of Ways are starting to designate them as birding habitats and are planting the type of grasses that the grassland birds need.

Blake Maloney – reported that the bird house placement at the Upper Deerfield Wildlife Nature Preserve has been marked with flags.

Lynn Maun – reported that she attended a Rutgers seminar last week which was a presentation on pervious (porous) coverage. They showed a demonstration of the parking lot done in the

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Pervious coverage by pumping water and it was going right into the pavement and grounds. They also used njfloodmapper.org to show the sea level rise in 1 foot increments.

Public Comments

Layne Ball – commented on the porous pavement, that the Environmental Commission should look into the benefits of this type of construction.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary

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