

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, June 5, 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, Eileen Clark, and Alternate: William Waterman.

Members Absent: Lynn Maun, Ken Lavine, Steven Smith, Caroline Owens and Alternate: Jack Waselik

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

Minutes tabled till July meeting members present were not at May meeting.

New Business

1. Sharing of environmental observation around township -
William Waterman – commented that the birdhouses are up and Steve Smith released quail on the property recently. Last week the Rotary did a clean up on the road on Old Deerfield Pike from Park Drive to Silver Lake Road area.

Seabrook Road Cleanup – Teresa to send a letter to Seabrook Farms to express our appreciation of being environmentally conscious.

Mowing of the Munyon Property “Upper Deerfield Wildlife Nature Preserve” – Public works was not notified that any birds were released onto the property and the edge of the property was being mowed recently. Mr. O'Neill, Sr. commented that the property was being mowed since there had been some recent dumping on the property since the grass was getting too high. Mr. Crilley suggested that the Environmental Commission put together a small maintenance plan with suggestions for time of year to mow that area. Ms. Morrissey commented that June is the worst time to mow a wildlife nature preserve. Mr. O'Neill, Sr., will speak with the Township Committee to see about adding trail cameras on sight and sign posting.

2. Correspondence –
 - a. Atlantic City Electric Right of Ways – formality to show correct easements.
 - b. Mosquito Commission – notice that they will be cleaning up drainage areas throughout Cumberland County cutting/clearing tree vegetation.
3. Legislative Issues:

Repeal the NJDEP Waiver Rule Today – Sandy Morrissey gave an overview of the SCR 59 letter and on Blake Maloney recommendation to contact Senator Sweeney on the SCR 59.
4. Workshops/Activities
 - a) Birding Workshop – June 11, 2013, Joan Galetto of Citizens united will be doing the presentation at 7pm in The Upper Deerfield Township Senior Center.
 - b.) Climate Change – October 9th, 2013 – the committee is still working on.
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 6/6/13 at 7pm where the students will receive their awards for the poster contest held recently.
 - f) Trails Committee – Blake reported that the committee met last week on the trails plan and was hoping to have a meeting again this evening.
6. Unfinished Business –
 - a) SJ Quail Project response letter – tabled till July 3, 2013 meeting waiting on a follow up from Steve Smith on what exactly the project is asking for.

Review & Status of Development Application

Kim Sod (Don Rogers, Jr.) Land Mining 3 yr renewal on Block 707 Lot 5 fox road (rear) – On motion of Blake Maloney seconded by William Waterman that the committee has no comments with regards to the existing land mining permit.

Member's Comments

Blake Maloney – reported that the stream assessment follow up will be on 6/22/13 at 11am at the Sheppard House and Watershed Ambassador Jillian Schwarz will do a presentation to show the kids what they are looking for and how to check for the vertebrates, followed by a stream assessment at Nancy Ridgway's property on Irving Avenue.

William Waterman – commented that on the Clean Communities money received in the amount of \$14,861.00, asked how is this money used? Mr. O'Neill, Sr. gave an overview of the way the funds are utilized.

Public Comments

Nancy Ridgway – the Gloucester County Sheriff sales are outrageous. Jillian the watershed ambassador and Lynn Maun will have part of the stream assessment on 6/22/13 at my Irving Avenue property at 1pm if anyone would like to attend..

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Sandy Morrissey, seconded by William Waterman to adjourn at 8:15 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary