

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, October 5, 2011 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, Ken Lavine, and Alternates: Caroline Owens. And Bill Waterman.

Members Absent: Lynn Maun, Steven Smith, Ernest Holt, and Eileen Clark.

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton.

On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Sandra Morrissey to approve the minutes of September 7, 2011, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

A. Correspondence—

A letter was received and read from Denny & Joan Blew about the increased rates on monthly water billings. The homeownership in NJ is over the top out ragious, Anti-green and environmentally abusive. Sandy will respond to the Blews letter on behalf of the commission. Telling them we will forward the letter on to the township committee.. The next ANJEC Networking Event is set for November 14th.

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B. Legislative Issues

1. **Status of S2887 and A2950** – A letter was written by Bill Waterman and emailed to each Senator a copy of which is included in your packet for review.

C. Workshops

1. Why are our trees dying? – “Hot wash” – Bill Waterman commented that the workshop was very well handled, the speaker made a very dry topic very interesting Blake Maloney commented that this was a very well attended seminar.
2. Water Workshop Tapped- the movie – November 7th 7 pm conducted by Lynn Maun.

D. Zone updates

Bill Waterman – Johnson Farms working on the retention basin with excavators.

Sandy Morrissey – lighting ordinance for the Dollar General Building need to check the lights on the building does not appear to be good lighting as per our ordinance requirements. It was reported that they will be addressing the matter.

D. Committee Reports

- a. Planning Board/Zoning Board – None
- b. Recreation Commission – Mr. Lavine commented that recreation needs more land and the commission is concerned, currently conducting a survey to see how many out of town people we have registered. The little league has 90% that are residents in Upper Deerfield Township. Soccer working on percentages at this time. Little league will be moving the fence on the farm field to accommodate Adult teams. Also currently working on new membership for the commission.
- c. Economic Development – No Report.
- a. Open Space Advisory Committee – No Meeting, The County Planning Board unanimously passed the Open Space plan and is now moving on to the Freeholders for approval, and they are trying to get an application to Green Acres before the end of the year. Caroline Owens commented that a Consultant was hired and the Open Space Advisory Board was disbanded by the county.
- d.

e. Site Plan Review Committee - Millennium is coming up on 10/12/11 on the solar panels and includes 174 homes on the same parcel of land.

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- g. Cohansey River Watershed Task Force – is trying to establish full committees to help get funding to help expand on the Rutgers Research study further down the Cohansey River. The Littoral Society is willing to prepare a brochure but they need some funding did not know if it would be possible to donate \$200.00 to this funding. On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Bill Waterman to donate \$200.00 to the American Littoral Society if permitted after checking with legal counsel on this issue.

E. Unfinished Business

None

Review & Status of Development Application

None

Member's Comments

Bill Waterman – commented that at Bridgeton Bluffs cleanup to take place on October 15th from 8:30 to 11:30 am off of Grove Street if anyone is interested in attending we need people to bring rakes, shovels, wheel barrows and etc. Trash problems at the recycling center to discuss further an article to address the enforcement of trash.

- b. Caroline Owens – Bay Shore Discovery Project has opened their new facility on Friday. Starting a second Friday function every month. A fall enrichment for children 6years old to adults classes to be provided for five weeks on Saturday mornings.

Sandra Morrissey – commented that Audubon Society Black Oil Sunflower Seeds all the farmers are in north jersey and now Shimp Farms joins the save program for the Black Oil Sunflower Seed Save program.

Public Comments

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary