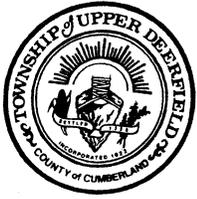


UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, April 13, 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, Lynn Maun, Eileen Clark, Alternate: Caroline Owens and Alternate: Whitney King.

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

Members absent: Ken Lavine, Steven Smith, and Ernest Holt.

On motion of Sandra Morrissey, seconded by Lynn Maun to approve the minutes of March 2, 2011, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill A2486 Sponsored by Assemblyman John Burzichelli – Prohibits NJDEP from adopting any regulation that provides for more than the minimum federal environmental requirements.

Blake Maloney commented that he took the liberty to send a fruit basket and card to Ken & Ann Lavine on behalf of the Environmental Commission.

A. Correspondence/Workshops–

Anjec Training – How to protect Natural Resources March 7, 2011, Lynn Maun reported that we would need to identify and bring back to the Planning Board. Also,

Check with the local schools to see about Environmental Clubs to help educate the children.

Anjec Networking Event – March 29, 2011 Conservation Design in Franklinville – Suzanne McCarthy was there and gave a presentation on Conservation Design. Blake Maloney and the board discussed the need to educate the Planning Board with regards to design concepts. Whitney, Caroline and Lynn will put together a proposal to help with the education and report back at the next meeting.

Caroline Owens brought in Classroom Bird scope – Projects you can get your kids to do all about birds and the scientific methodology.

Vernal Pool Workshop – held April 6, 2011, had approximately 20 people attend and the presenter was very knowledgeable. Sandy received an email on potential vernal pools identified but not certified. In order to be certified it would have to contain the wood frogs or at least 2 species in it to be identified. If anyone knows of an area, would you please notify the commission with the information so that commission can make arrangements to checkout?

Wastewater Management Plan – is part of the state plan the old Wenger property has been identified as birding areas and proposed to become part of the sewer service area. The Township has made a request to have the change made. Sinset (along Sunset Lake) also if Raferty's ruling stands could be developed. Raferty's ruling currently in Trenton pending.

Concerned Citizens – Bill Whelan, Jim Crilley, Jane Jannarone and the local school board talked to the public and said that their would be no new taxes even with Cumberland Regional High School Solar project.

May 10th Workshop – Caroline Owens will email to Teresa the outline of the Workshop and Teresa will forward to the committee members.

B. Zone updates

The committee discussed in great lengths the need to have specific zones for each member or make zones smaller and include the alternate members. Blake Maloney asked the committee to think about what their concerns are and if they see the need for a continuance of zone updates and report back at the next meeting.

C. General

None.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Planning Board/Zoning Board – The Planning Board is currently working on a colorized zoning map.
- b. Master Plan Review Committee – No Report.

- c. Recreation Commission – No Report.
 - d. Economic Development – No Report.
 - e. Open Space Advisory Committee – Township committee has turned back over to the Environmental Commission and need to create a subcommittee for the open space advisory. Lynn Maun – Chairperson, Whitney King, Eileen Clark and Layne Ball to sit on subcommittee.
 - f. Shade Tree Committee – subcommittee of the Planning Board will consist Randy Scheule, Brian Murphy and Ed Overdevest.
 - g. Site plan review committee created as a subcommittee of the Environmental Commission members to include Sandra Morrissey, Lynn Maun and Steve Smith.
5. **Unfinished Business** –
- a. Farmland Preservation Plan Status – the township is receiving \$750,000.00 and the township has designated this to the five farmland applications that were received on the county level.
 - b. Upper Deerfield Community Day is set for April 30, 2011, Lynn will not be available that day, Philip Arsenault has cancelled his appearance and Whitney King is in the process of recreating the oyster plan. Discussion took place to prepare a postcard so residents can take, sign and mail in with regards to Bill A2486. Blake Maloney to follow up and reserve two tables for the Environmental Commission.

Review & Status of Development Application

Hawk 10 Merritt Avenue – No comments.

Member's Comments

Sandy Morrissey – stated that today it was raining and Wawa was watering again. I recently attended the Convenience Center and why is there not a sign that says tarps are required?

Eileen Clark – questioned that when the trees at the shopping centers die off why do they not have to be replaced? And the trees Rite Aid were removed since they were blocking the Eckerd's sign and has not been replaced, will take to Planning Board and question.

Public Comments

Tom Connelly – on bill A2486 that the law prohibits NJDEP from adopting any regulation that provides for less than minimum federal Environmental requirements, I think that you can do better and should do better.

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Nancy Ridgeway – commented that the DEP changes have been going on for over 6 months. The school system to get your feet wet with one grade and do an Arbor Day project. Fairfield Township would plant at the school and one at the Municipal Building and provide each student with a sapling for each student. Solar people from Silver Lake Road are doing Sorantino Farms solar project and they will be coming back to Upper Deerfield Township.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary
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