

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, September 5, 2012 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, Ken Lavine, Steven Smith, Ernest Holt, Eileen Clark and Alternates: Caroline Owens and William Waterman.

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton., Liaisons: Bruce Peterson.

On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Lynn Maun to approve the minutes of August 1, 2012, unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Correspondence – NJ Shade Tree Federation annual conference booklet received if anyone is interested in attending please notify Teresa Warburton so that she can get everyone registered.
- B. Legislative Issues – William Waterman received a letter at the end of August SCR59/ACR 37 bill to block the waiver rule which passed the assembly in May and is still on hold for the Senate.
- C. Workshops –The septic workshop with Kim Bell is set for September 26th at 7pm. Newspapers have been notified.
- D. Zone updates – None.
- G. Committee Reports
 1. Planning board/Zoning Board – No Report.
 - a. Sub-committee on Open Space/Vacant land – No Report.
 2. Recreation Commission – Ken Lavine commented that fall ball has begun and also have traveling teams using the fields. Soccer has started their fall season and Cumberland Midget Football League is getting ready to start their season. The Football has had a change in leadership recently. Recreation is doing well.
 3. Economic Development – No Report.
 4. Open Space Advisory Committee – On Hold No Report.
 5. Site Plan Review Committee – No Report.

6. Cohansey Area Watershed Association – Blake Maloney reported that CAWA will hold a meeting on September 13th to discuss Salt Water Intrusion into the streams specifically in Greenwich area. Also the committee has received the Corporation status and is currently working on the non profit status.

7. Unfinished Business – Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award – sent out the email to everyone and seems to be the consensus to wait until 2013 when the munyon property has been completed to submit the application for consideration, will add to our list of goals for 2013 yearly planning.

Review & Status of Development Application

Perdue Agribusiness – Perdue Grain Storage Expansion Block 1205 Lot 4 – The Commission has concerns with use of lime onsite and amount of trees to be removed. A review letter will be sent to the Planning Board.

Member’s Comments

Blake Maloney – The October environmental commission meeting Sandy and I will not be able to attend as we will both be out of town, so if someone would like to chair the October meeting I will prepare the agenda prior to leaving. After lengthy discussion amongst board members on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by William Waterman to cancel the October meeting, unanimously approved. Teresa will get the notice out of the cancellation.

Steve Smith – The Mosquito Commission had cleaned up the stream from the Public Works building to Highway 77 and will not be a nice walking area if anyone is interested in walking park at the recreation fields and walk down or park at the Municipal complex and walk the stream area.

Ernest Holt – I found an article in the Popular Mechanics magazine on What’s Clean energy that would be very interesting for everyone to read about the nuclear plants process for going green to recycle and not have any nuclear waste from the plants.

Lynn Maun – The pine bark beetle study, I recently received an email stating that some studies have been done in controlling the pine bark beetle by using a certain chemical but needs to be professionally applied, I will forward the email to everyone on the commission for your review.

Public Comments

Nancy Ridgway – The Cumberland County Health Department has confirmed that West Nile has infected two birds in the county. The Cumberland County Planning Board will discuss the Waste Water Management at there meeting on October 3rd.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Steve Smith to adjourn at 7:35 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary