

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 9, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Tracey, Mr. Szabo, Ms. Ramberg, Mr. Nystrom, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, Mr. Branagan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Emmetts, Mr. Klimek

Mrs. Wunder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the statement that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., at the Stillwater Township Municipal Building located in Middletown, New Jersey.

The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

The following members were reappointed and sworn in by the Municipal Clerk prior to this meeting:

Mrs. Fleck, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, Ms. Ramberg, Mr. Szabo

Mrs. Wunder introduced and welcomed Committeewoman Chamblings, liaison to the Environmental Commission.

Appointment of Chairperson: Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to appoint Mr. Branagan as Chairperson for 2012, seconded by Ms. Ramberg; there being no other nominations, nominations were closed and roll call was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

At this point, the meeting was turned over to Chairperson Branagan.

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Branagan made a **motion** to appoint Mr. Klimek as Vice-Chairperson for 2012, seconded by Mr. Szabo; there being no other nominations, nominations were closed and roll call was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

Secretary: Mr. Branagan made a **motion** to appoint Kathy Wunder as the Secretary for 2012, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

2012 Meeting Dates and Official Newspaper: Mr. Branagan made a **motion** to designate the Daily New Jersey Herald and Sunday Herald as the official newspapers for legal publication for the Environmental Advisory Commission, and to accept the following meeting dates for 2012, seconded by Mrs. Tracey:

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| January 9, 2012 Regular/Reorganization | July 9, 2012 |
| February 13, 2012 | August 13, 2012 |
| March 12, 2012 | September 10, 2012 |
| April 9, 2012 | October 11, 2011 (Second Thursday) |
| May 14, 2012 | November 12, 2012 |
| June 11, 2012 | December 10, 2012 |
| | January 14, 2013 Reorganization/Regular |

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

Minutes

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby made a **motion** to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, abstain, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

Bills

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the following bills, pending availability of funds, seconded by Ms. Ramberg:

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| Secretary: | \$ 180.25 |
| ANJEC 2012 dues: | \$ 320.00 |

Following a discussion on whether or not the Commission felt it was necessary to continue as members of ANJEC, the board agreed to join ANJEC for 2012 and pay the dues in the amount of \$320.00. Mr. Szabo expressed concern with ANJEC not presenting both sides of issues and he felt when an example of such an issue arises the EC should express their concerns to ANJEC in writing.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, abstain, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public. There being no public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Correspondence:

Email dated 12/28/11: ANJEC 2012 Land Use Planning Grants

Email dated 1/4/12: Three Important Meetings on the Susquehanna Roseland Line are quickly approaching!

Fernwood Hotel and Resort, Route 209, Bushkill, PA 18324, January 24, 2012, 6-9 p.m.; Stroudsmoor County Inn, Route 4 Stroudsmoor Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, January 25, 2012, 6-9 p.m.; Farmstead Golf and Country Club, 88 Lawrence Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848, 6-9 p.m.

Old Business

Land Conservancy of New Jersey (LC):

The EC reviewed the Open Space brochure quotes:

Staples – 400 colored copies on regular 11 x 17 paper (double-sided) \$780.00 (not folded); 400 colored copies on 11 x 17 glossy paper (double-sided) \$1,424.00 (not folded).

BBC Printing (Mr. Nystrom): 400 copies on regular paper \$400.00; 400 copies on glossy paper \$480.00

BBC Printing (Mr. Szabo): 500 copies on 80 gloss paper \$995.00 plus shipping; 1000 copies on 80 gloss paper \$1000.00 plus shipping (\$1050.00); 400 copies on gloss paper \$780.00; 400 copies on standard paper \$575.00 (folded)

Mr. Branagan will contact the Print Center for an additional quote and a decision will be made during budget review. Mr. Szabo will clarify the difference in the quotes he and Mr. Nystrom obtained from BBC Printing.

Land Conservancy 2012 Contract and 2011 Annual Report: The EC reviewed the Land Conservancy 2011 Annual Report. Sandy Urgo will provide a presentation to the Township Committee on January 17, 2012 at the Municipal Building beginning at 7 p.m., regarding the renewal of the contract. Mr. Szabo expressed concern with land acquisitions being made in rural areas and hunting not being permitted on the properties acquired. He would like to see fishing and hunting considered where appropriate when such acquisitions are proposed.

Following a brief discussion Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to forward a memo to the Township Committee, including the 2011 LC Annual Report, recommending the renewal of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey contract for 2012, seconded by Mrs. Fleck.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

Sustainable Jersey Update:

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby had emailed the Sustainable Jersey spreadsheet to the EC members for their review, and she noted a new list of eligible items would be available in June. The resolution forming the Green Team was forwarded to the Township Committee. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby stated there is a need to establish a specific plan and goal of what the EC would like to accomplish. She provided an overview on programs that have been established by other towns including outreach programs, movies, and bear education flyers. She stated other factors in the community should be included such as the school, Township Committee, employees, etc. She briefly discussed the point system and noted points are awarded for such items as having an Environmental Commission and conducting an energy audit. Mrs. Wunder indicated Stillwater had an energy audit and she would provide the information to Ms. Fobes-Jacoby to review. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby explained there must be the implementation of priority actions, each of which is based on a point system. Categories of the priority actions include: Energy Efficiency, Food, Local Economics, Operations and Maintenance, Arts, Culture and Historic Resources, Community Partnership and Outreach, Diversity and Equity, Health and Wellness, Sustainability Planning, Animals in the Community, Green Design, Greenhouse Gas, Innovation and Demonstration Projects, Land Use and Transportation, Natural Resources and Waste Management. There are 16 actions in total and 7 priority actions under those 16 categories. Mrs. Wunder will provide a copy of the Actions for Sustainable Communities for the EC to review and she will try to obtain more information on the Tonnage Grant. Ms. Chamblings suggested Ms. Fobes-Jacoby contact the SCMUA for the tonnage accounting for 2011.

Mr. Szabo announced that John Anthony will be providing a presentation on Agenda 21 at the next EC meeting to be held on February 13, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building. He suggested inviting local legislators, and following a brief discussion the Commission agreed to keep the issue on the municipal level. Mr. Szabo distributed a newsletter entitled the "Phyllis Schlafly Report," dated December 2011, including an article entitled, "The Mischief of Agenda 21." Mr. Branagan suggested having a speaker from the Sustainable Jersey side of the issue. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby will contact Sustainable Jersey to inquire if a presentation can be scheduled for the March 12th or April 9th EC meeting.

New Business

EC Newsletter 2012: Mrs. Wunder will email a copy of the newsletter to the Commission for their review and input for 2012.

Zoning Board Application Site Survey:

Mr. Branagan and Mr. Szabo agreed to conduct the site survey for the following application: Doolittle, Block 3602, Lot 4, Cal. No. 571, free-standing patio.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public. There being no members of the public wishing to speak this portion of the meeting was closed.

Planning Board Liaison Report: December Planning Board meeting was cancelled.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chamblings informed the EC of a recent Mayor's Advisory regarding a proposed bill on zero percent interest for brown field development, which the EC may want to consider to enhance and improve the Recycling Center. She asked the EC for advice on handling mosquito infestation that may take place due to the flooding, especially in the Duck Pond Road/West End Drive area. Mr. Nystrom mentioned mosquito eating fish and Mr. Branagan would obtain further information on the fish. Mr. Szabo briefly discussed the drastic decline in the bat population and Ms. Ramberg noted the frog population at her lake has also decreased greatly.

Ms. Chamblings suggested including the importance of and reasons for renewing the Land Conservancy contract in the EC memo to the Township Committee as she was concerned it may not be renewed. Mrs. Wunder would contact Mr. Klimek for his input as he has worked as liaison between the EC and the Land Conservancy.

Amphibian Crossing Study: Mr. Branagan reported the amphibian crossing study would be held during March and he asked if the Municipal Building could be used for a workshop to train participants. Mr. Branagan will email the date and time to Mrs. Wunder.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary

Jack Branagan, Chairperson

Next Meeting: March 12, 2012