

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
March 10, 2014**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Emmetts

Mr. Branagan 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.

Mrs. Fleck arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Blanchard arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 2/10/14, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

Bills

Mr. Klimek made a **motion** to approve the following bills, pending availability of funds, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby:

Secretary: \$ 195.00

NJH Notices \$ 28.80

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

Correspondence:

Sierra Club Program – 3/11/14 at 7 p.m., United Fellowship Church in Newton – “Energy, Environment and Our Water Future”

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:05 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:05 p.m.

Old Business

Land Conservancy/ERI - Maps: Barbara Heskins

The following schedule was provided:

3/27/14: Delivery of draft ERI

4/16/14: Planning Board

6/8/14: Sustainable Jersey

The Table of Contents was reviewed and it was agreed that the lighting ordinance would be added under – “Air: Noise and Odors.” Ms. Heskins would check to see if aluminum is included under particulate matter. Ms. Heskins inquired if the EC had a photo(s) of Stillwater they would like to use for the cover. It was recommended that she contact Mr. Jacoby of the Historical Society to inquire if they have photos and to see if the historic section of the ERI is written appropriately.

The maps were reviewed with the following comments:

#1: Roadways – add Old Schoolhouse Road and Twin Oaks; connect both ends of Partridge Road and remove Stillwater Road by Swartswood and replace with Route 521.

*The changes discussed for map #1 would also be changed on maps #2 and #15.

#2: Bedrock Geology – no changes

#3: Carbonate Rock Areas (Limestone) – the lower portion of the township was not included, Wall Street to Paulinskill Lake Community. Ms. Heskins would follow-up.

#4: Surface Geology – the shades of yellow used are too similar.

#5: Soil Series – the two keys will be grouped; the top half of the township in the upper left-hand key and the bottom half of the township on the lower right-hand key.
#6: Watershed – no changes
#7: Surface Water Quality – no changes
#8: Aquifer Recharge Potential – no changes
#9: Bedrock Aquifer Rankings – Ms. Heskins will check if the Martinsburg Shale needs to be changed.
#10: Surficial Aquifer Rankings – Definition of “rankings” to be added.
#11: Vernal Habitats – identified by NJDEP Landscape Project 2012; all water bodies will be changed to blue.
#12: Endangered Species Habitats – identified by NJDEP Landscape Project 2012.
#13: Land Use/Land Cover (2007) – no changes
#14: FEMA Flood Zones (2011 DFIRM) – no changes
#15: Preserved Land Map – “Fairview Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation” – more information is needed on this property. Mr. Klimek will review the preserved land tables further.
Ms. Fobes-Jacoby expressed concern with using any information from the 2007 ERI Draft as it was never adopted and it may become an issue when using it as a reference. Ms. Heskins indicated she only used the Topo and Wetlands maps from the 2007 ERI and although she did not see an issue, she would keep it in mind.
Ms. Heskins indicated that any additional comments would have to be submitted to her no later than 3/20/14 in order for her to meet the 3/27/14 deadline. The EC thanked Ms. Heskins for attending the meeting and her work on the ERI.

Sustainable Jersey (SJ):

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the Green Team met last Wednesday and is working diligently towards the 6/4/14 deadline for submission of the items to earn points. She was notified that they were not awarded the \$2,000 grant from PSE&G. She is currently working on a “Tip of the Month” for the Green Team webpage.

Anti-Idling Resolution: The resolution was adopted by the Township Committee on 3/4/14.

Tree Ordinance:

Mr. Branagan met with the Zoning Officer and she will contact the Township Attorney to request changes that make sense to her and are necessary for her enforcement.

Littering/Dumping Fines Ordinance Amendment: Forwarded to the Township Committee 12/19/13

Recycling Ordinance:

The following clarifications were made:

1. Wrapping paper falls under office paper or junk mail.
2. Paper bags fall under junk mail or cardboard
3. E-Waste disposal – SCMUA on Saturday 3/15/14 – can dispose of cds and plastic cases.

Ms. Chamings indicated that Mr. Whitehead is still working on an E-Waste container. Renee Casapulla recommended the township obtain their own container and not rent one from a provider. The township receives \$10/ton and the vendor percentage is based on weight.

Veteran’s Memorial Park (VMP) – Recycling Receptacle:

Mr. Branagan attended the last Recreation Commission meeting informing them the EC may be able to get the old Recycling Center shed to be used for recycling disposal at Veteran’s Memorial Park. The RC was very much in favor of it.

Surveillance Camera: No report.

Route 94 Oil Spill: Mrs. Tracey reported she received a response from the NJDEP indicating the storm drain adjacent to the property does not discharge directly into the stream, only to the land surface. Mr. Blanchard asked if an ordinance could be drafted requiring heating fuel to be drained from foreclosed properties. Mr. Branagan suggested he attend the next Township Committee meeting with his concerns.

Fishing Line Receptacles: The North Shore receptacle will be moved to the Keen's Mill Pond boat launch.

New Business

Outbreak of Fish Disease: Mr. Szabo reported on proposed changes to the 2014 trout stocking program due to a bacterial infection killing thousands of trout. He offered information packets to those interested and noted stocking periods will decrease as a result. The State has a plan in place to control the disease at the Pequest Hatchery but it will be necessary to modify the trout stocking program in order to conserve and protect the wild trout resources.

Feed Bags: Mr. Branagan asked for feed bag (plastic or mesh) donations as they are needed for the Watershed Project if the grant is obtained.

GeoEngineeringWatch.org Website: Mr. Branagan discussed a website regarding the spraying of aluminum into the air to block the sun or reflect it back onto the atmosphere resulting in aluminum, strontium and barium being deposited back onto the earth. Mr. Branagan contacted QC Labs and obtained a quote of \$51.50 to test the snow on township property for these items. Mr. Szabo commented the program map indicated New Jersey is not affected and he questioned the need for the expenditure and testing based on the map.

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby referenced a book on geoengineering by David Keith and spoke about Kristen Megan, a chemtrail geoengineering whistleblower. Mr. Szabo suggested writing to ANJEC on the subject for their input rather than conducting the testing at this time. The EC agreed and Mr. Branagan will do so.

ANJEC Grant Opportunity: Mr. Blanchard asked for EC approval to apply for a \$1,500 grant to assist an existing watershed project, to purchase trees and tree tubes for riparian restoration along the Paulinskill River. Mr. Branagan stated he may be able to get cardboard tubes at no cost. Mr. Blanchard would ask Nathaniel Sajdak for his opinion on what type of tubes would be best.

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** authorizing Mr. Blanchard to apply for the \$1,500 grant, seconded by Mr. Branagan.

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

Mr. Blanchard would attend the Township Committee meeting on 3/18/14 to inform them of the grant application.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 9:13 p.m.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 9:13 p.m.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: 2/19/14

Mr. Branagan reported the following:

- Reorganization: Robert Morgenstern as Board Attorney; Joe Golden as Board Engineer
- Wings Adventure extension is valid for three years and at the end of that period they can only request an additional two years.
- Camp Lou Henry Hoover, application for a pavilion was deemed complete.
- GIS Fee ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee.
- Solar Ordinance Review: Currently reviewing Frelinghuysen and Andover ordinances.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chammings

- Budget: 2nd reading will be held at the next TC meeting
- A discussion was held regarding using funds from the Open Space Trust Fund to mow lawns and purchase clay for Stillwater Park. Ms. Chammings objected to doing so as she felt it should not be used for Stillwater Park because the acquisition was not made through Green Acres.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Klimek made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary