

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
February 14, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Fleck, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Klimek, Ms. Ramberg, Mr. Nystrom, 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.

Minutes

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to approve the minutes of January 10, 2011, seconded by Mr. Klimek.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Mr. Nystrom, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

Bills

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

Secretary \$ 180.25

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Nystrom, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:06 p.m. and there being no public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:06 p.m.

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

Correspondence:

E2 Project Management, LLC, NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Block 3101, Lot 13

Mr. Szabo stated he has spoken with the applicant and as soon as the road to the location can be accessed Mr. Szabo and Mr. Branagan will conduct a site survey of the property. Mr. Szabo noted an Environmental Impact Statement has been submitted

Amphibian Crossing Survey: Mr. Branagan stated an email was received from Mackenzie Hall of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, asking for volunteers for an amphibian crossing survey to be conducted on West End Road. Ms. Hall asked for possible police coverage. Mr. Branagan will attend the next Township Committee to discuss the matter. Several EC members were interested in participating. Mr. Klimek asked Mr. Branagan to contact Bob and Kathy Jacoby as they are also interested.

Old Business

Land Conservancy of New Jersey (LC)/Open Space Map: Mr. Klimek explained the Township Committee chose not to renew their contract with the LC at this time. The EC reviewed a spreadsheet from the LC providing an overview of their completed and active projects. Mr. Klimek stated the LC has spent \$106,000 of their own money and has also earmarked more than \$500,000 for Stillwater. Mr. Klimek recommended sending another memo to the Township Committee with the spreadsheet information, urging them to reconsider their decision. Committeewoman Straway was present and she was not sure why the agreement was not approved, no history was provided and she is very new to the issue. Mr. Szabo was present at the Committee meeting in which it was voted down and he stated one reason provided was that the properties acquired by the LC were not developable and were swamp land. The Committee felt

each acquisition should be handled on an individual basis. Mr. Klimek noted that 2 large farms and 6 other properties are currently being worked on by the LC, and it would be very difficult to do so on an individual basis. Sandy Urgo of the LC will provide a presentation at the next Committee meeting and Mrs. Straway will ask her to explain individual basis vs. a contract, so that the Committee has a better understanding of the options. Mr. Szabo and Mr. Branagan will also be present at the next Committee meeting for the presentation by Ms. Urgo.

Trail Map: Mr. Klimek reported he met with Bob Olsen from Fish and Wildlife and there is an issue with the lack of parking on Old Foundry Road. A property is available for possible acquisition and Mr. Olsen will look at that property.

E-Waste Management: Mr. Branagan reported that Goodwill will provide dumpsters to municipalities and haul them away when they are full. Mr. Branagan will obtain more information and provide it to Keith Whitehead, Recycling Coordinator. There was some concern regarding proper battery disposal at the Recycling Center. Mr. Klimek made a **motion** to forward a memo to the Township Committee on the issue including photographs of the SCMUA battery disposal site Mr. Branagan will provide, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Mr. Nystrom, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

ANJEC 2011 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grants Eligibility: Mr. Klimek stated that according to the list of requirements Stillwater is not eligible. Mrs. Wunder will contact ANJEC regarding eligibility.

New Business

Joint Environmental Commission/Recreation Commission Subcommittee Meeting: Mr. Branagan, Mr. Szabo, Ms. Ramberg and Mr. Klimek expressed interest in attending the joint meeting. Three dates and times will be provided to Ms. Chammings for consideration. The meeting will be held to discuss issues at Veteran's Memorial Park (VMP).

Joint EC Meeting Between Municipalities: Mr. Branagan explained the meeting date has been hard to coordinate, but is tentatively set for March 9 or 10th, and he was unsure of the meeting place at this time. The main point of interest seems to be the Paulinskill River.

Site Survey Form Acceptance:

William and Beverly Gordon, Block 2201, Lot 16, Cal. No. 568

Mr. Klimek made a **motion** to accept the site survey form, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Ramberg, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Mr. Nystrom, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Block 3101, Lot 13, Cal. No. 566

Mr. Szabo explained that due to the inclement weather he and Mr. Branagan have not been able to conduct the site survey, and it will be completed as soon as the road to the site is accessible.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:50 p.m.

Mrs. Straway asked for clarification on the purpose for the joint EC/RC meeting. She explained the trash issue at VMP

was discussed by the Township Committee and it was determined that an additional receptacle would be placed at the park and the DPW will provide an extra pick up based on the level of usage

at the park. Committeeman Fisher will also discuss the issue with RC. Mr. Branagan felt recycling containers would also be necessary at the park. Mr. Klimek felt that only recycling receptacles should be placed at the park. He noted the DPW has several recycling containers that can be used. Mrs. Straway agreed to wait for the outcome of the joint EC/RC discussion on the matter.

Lisa Chammings, 928 Mt. Holly Road hoped the Township Committee would support the Land Conservancy of New Jersey and renew their contract. Ms. Chammings provided a PSE&G update, and expressed concern with PSE&G contacting resident Mr. Hecht regarding a turn in line, which could have a great effect on the environmental impact.

There being no further public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:04 p.m.

Planning Board Liaison Report: Mr. Branagan reported the following:

-A Rain Garden Workshop will be held on 4/27/11 in Andover.

-The Blue Mountain Inn dam will be removed by the State. Mr. Branagan will follow up on this matter.

-The Outdoor Woodburning Furnace ordinance was discussed and it was recommended that the proposed ordinance remain the same as the model ordinance from Lafayette with respect to setback distances.

Township Liaison Report: Mrs. Straway will bring the information on the Land Conservancy back to the Township Committee.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Klimek made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Szabo. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary

Jack Branagan, Chairperson

Next Meeting: March 14, 2011