



Union Township Environmental Commission

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Minutes from May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting

Call to Order:

“Sunshine Law” Announcement: Our notice as published in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* and *Express Times* satisfies the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act and is also posted on the Township website and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call: Chuck La Tournous, Don Church, Steve Hurford, Chuck Neary, Bill Harclerode, and Brett Bragin were present. Sandy Stiger and Alan Ford were absent.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Bill moved to approve the minutes and Steve seconded. Brett Bragin made a change to the minutes regarding the Archaeologists working on the Milligan Farm site; the revised minutes were approved. Don will amend the minutes accordingly and resubmit.

Old Business:

- For the Sidney Brook riparian planting we need a final report to close out the project. Storm water cleanup completed and debris is at the end of Patrick Drive. There was a good turnout with Boy Scouts the Mayor, etc.
- ANJEC conservation easement grant letter is required and Michele will have to provide information on this.
- Transco pipeline - Brett went to the meeting and they talked about the Roseland compressor station not Stanton Loop. This meeting will be at a later date for the pipeline but the Clinton people were invited to speak later in the meeting. A few people from Clinton were in attendance.
- NRI update on grant application there is no news yet.
- Storm water management requirements have to be done this year, need public education event, mail to homeowners. Chuck asked Steve to Champion the public education event and Steve will look into topics to present.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

- Michele has investigated a grant for storm water runoff out of parking lot onto Race Street. Does not require matching funds but we would have to manage the project. Dr. Steve Sousa from Princeton Hydro has agreed to write the grant application. Grant maximum would \$20,000.

- Environmental easement database is online and we had a complaint. A resident was concerned when she searched her name and found her information online, including her address. After discussion, it was concluded that this information is already publicly available from many sources and no action was warranted.

Chairman's Report: Covered in new business

Planning Board Liaison's Report: Nothing to report

Reports of Subcommittees:

- Open Space: No news to report from Chuck or Sandy
- Trails: Don, Michele and Mayor Bischoff met with the Jehovah's Witnesses elders on May 3rd to discuss use of their parking lot and entrance to Milligan Farm Trails on a temporary basis. Michele will put together a proposal to be presented to the Congregations for their review and approval.
- Communication: Article on fertilizer law, update guide to recycling, invasive species. Possibly use article on cleanup for front page item. Looking for front page letter.
- Highlands: No meetings as of yet.
- Sustainability/Green Team: Our current certification expires in 2013 and we have to decide about earning the additional points required for renewal or higher classification.
- Road noise: Use of low noise asphalt from exit 7 to exit 10 on Route 78 was discussed.
- Contaminated sites: No news but Brett wants to have them on a website showing what the contamination is, etc.

Hearing of Citizens: No citizens present

Next Meeting: June 12, 2012.

Adjournment: Steve made motion, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Church, Secretary