



## Union Township Environmental Commission

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### Minutes for October 9, 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:

Present; Don Church, Steve Hurford, Bill Harclerode, Alan Ford, Brett Bragin, Chuck LaTournous, Jim Eschbach (new Member)

Absent; Sandy Stiger, Chuck Neary

Others Present; Michele McBride (Township Committee liason)

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Brett made motion to approve and Don seconded. All in favor.

#### Old Business:

- Transco pipeline - Brett went over notes on wetlands. EPA agreed with our comments that the review should be more than a Environmental Assessment.
- Public Education event – speaker lined up for 11/13, Mr. Bob O’Neill will discuss storm water management and rain gardens. Chuck requested an agenda for the event.
- Proposed archery center – across from entrance to Spruce Run. A Google map was taken of the area and an archery center from FL was superimposed on the map. Large indoor and outdoor ranges shown. Readington was the first choice for the center but they decided they were not interested in having something like this in their township. Will be run by Easton Archery Sports. Michelle’s biggest concern was the groundwater situation at the site. The next step is for them to go to the Highlands council. Traffic is another issue on Van Syckles Road and they agreed to look at it. DEP has determined that they want to spend their grant money on the project. ANJEC has offered to help us with looking at the project. Bill will contact ANJEC for advice on what to do with this project.

#### New Business: Pattenburg Quarry Solar

- Welcome Jim Eschbach as a new Alternate Member
- Chuck is stepping down from the UTEC at the end of this year and Don will take over as Chairman on October 18.
- Sandy Stiger is also leaving the Commission

- Our application for a NJ Sustainable Grant for a storm water project was not awarded a grant.
- Bill suggested reforesting the Milligan Farms and applying for a Grant. Would have to fence off the area for deer. Brian Kirkpatrick had an idea to turn part of MF into wild grass lands for birds.

**Chair's Report:** Addressed in New Business

**Township Committee Liaison's Report:**

**Planning Board Liaison's Report:**

- Final site plan for the Unorski farm development will be coming soon PS Construction needs to supply more information.
- Perryville center wants to put up a new building
- Proposal for solar farm in the Pattenberg Quarry on the Union Twp. side. Proposal has been deemed incomplete at this time and maybe delayed.

**Reports of Subcommittees:**

- Open Space: no members present.
- Trails: Paul Bando of the Jehovah's Witnesses has approved the use of the parking lot for 2 years but they have some conditions. Hopefully we can get started by the end of the year.
- Communication: Copy of the newsletter by Chuck submitted and Chuck would like comments. Chuck would like to solicit for more advertisers Comment from Bill H. - Lowes does not take fluorescent bulbs. Everything else goes to the county.
- Road Noise: Bill is very disappointed with the Legislators on this project.
- Contaminated Sites: nothing to report

**Hearing of Citizens:** no citizens present

**Other Matters:**

**Next Meeting:**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Steve and seconded by Bill.