

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 10, 2012**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Klimek

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

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to approve the minutes of August 13, 2012, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

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

Bills

Mrs. Fleck made a **motion** to approve the following bill, pending availability of funds, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

Secretary: \$ 180.25

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

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:09 p.m.

There being no public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Correspondence

Budget Report through 8/20/12: Mrs. Wunder explained that \$1,000 was inadvertently removed from the line item for the printing of the open space brochure. The \$1,000 was charged for the Land Conservancy drafting of the brochure which should have been appropriated from the Open Space Trust Fund. Mrs. Wunder has brought it to the attention of the CFO and a revised budget report will be generated indicating the original \$500 appropriation for the printing of the brochure only.

Old Business

Municipal Orchard Update: This item will be added to the November agenda as Mr. Blanchard is away until that time.

Open Space Map/Brochure: The Land Conservancy is currently doing the final revisions on the map and brochure. Final copy to be provided upon approval of those revisions.

Trail Update: This item will be added to the next agenda.

No Littering Signs:

Ms. Chamblings spoke with the Township Attorney who indicated posting of signs at each entrance are not required in order to enforce the ordinance. The EC must decide the number of signs they wish to post and then pricing can be determined. Mr. Szabo and Mr. Branagan will work on the matter.

No Idling Posters: Mr. Branagan reported that a thank-you letter was forwarded from the EC to Ms. Hayes, Art Teacher, Stillwater School, for her students' participation in the poster contest.

Tree Cutting Ordinance: Mr. Branagan would contact the Zoning Officer to discuss specific wording of the ordinance amendment to help with enforcement issues and he will report at the next meeting.

Sustainable Jersey Update: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Stream Water Testing: Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** authorizing Mr. Branagan to conduct the stream water testing as per the QC Laboratories quote of \$1,318, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:16 p.m.

Bill Steckowich, 907 Hardwick Road referenced an article in the New Jersey Herald regarding the Agenda 21 issue being pulled from the Freeholder agenda. He contacted Freeholder Phil Crabb about the issue and is awaiting his response.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m.

Planning Board Liaison Report:

The August Planning Board meeting was cancelled.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chamblings

Ms. Chamblings reported the following:

-Ms. Chamblings followed up on the ANJEC PSE&G notice and attempted unsuccessfully to contact several individuals regarding the power lines, access roads, and soil erosion. Stillwater will not see any construction until 2014/2015 and the line is expected to be in service in 2015. Ms. Chamblings felt soil erosion and temporary access roads will be a problem. She recommended EC members obtain the maps and visit the sites. She offered to walk the properties with those interested between now and October meeting. Ms. Chamblings will provide the number of the maps needed and Mrs. Wunder will contact George Sous of PSE&G to obtain the maps for the EC.

Other Business

Ms. Ramberg reported that it appears a rock access road or right of way was installed at the former camp on Owassa Road, possibly for construction access. Mr. Branagan would inspect the property.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Mr. Szabo. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary

Jack Branagan, Chairperson