

MINUTES

East Amwell Township Environmental Commission Business Meeting August 23, 2010 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The August 23, 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, S. Parsons at 7:45 PM.

Prior to the start of tonight's meeting, members and visitors reviewed the plans and materials for the 4-H Booth.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, S. Parsons announced that this is the Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 28, 2010. A copy of tonight's agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the Trenton Times Newspaper, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: S. Parsons, M. Petrus, D. Kellogg, E. Feinberg, J. Corboy, (Secretary),
Guests: A. Bonette, K. Klink (Delaware Twp. Env. Com.), W. Harrison, (Rec. Com.)
ABSENT: D. Sageser, T. Robbi, J. Angelone, F. Clair, T. Martin, B. Hummel

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None received.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: July 26, 2010 – Business Meeting

The minutes of the July 26, 2010 business meeting were motioned for approval by D. Kellogg, and with a second from D. Feinberg, were approved with no corrections/changes/additions/deletions. There was one abstention.

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA: There were no last minute additions to tonight's agenda.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: none received

REPORTS:

- a. Planning Board – D. Sageser was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- b. Township Committee – T. Martin was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- c. Recycling Committee – M. Petrus informed members that the Recycling Committee continued their discussion on businesses who have not responded to the recent letters.

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d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

e. Sourlands Municipal Alliance Council – T. Robbi was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received. A. Bonette was also present this evening to request space on the Environmental Commission website page for information on the Sourlands Municipal Alliance. She briefly gave members background information on the Alliance. She explained that they are now reviewing the plan put together by F. Banisch & Associates. Representatives are needed from the different municipalities. She requested that the Environmental Commission support an article from the Alliance to be posted on the website. Members discussed and requested a statement from A. Bonette explaining the Alliance's purpose/goals, and with information on contact persons.

Additional comment: A. Bonette recently came upon an informational booklet entitled "2010 GSA Consumer Action Handbook" and suggested that it become available at the Township for our residents. Information on this booklet can be obtained from their website: www.ConsumerACTION.gov.

f. Environmental Page on Website – S. Parsons reported that several items were added to the website this past month, including T. Robbi's recent article "Notes from the Woods" and links to a couple of websites of interest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Public Outreach – M. Petrus stated that he was unable to make contact with the school concerning new youth members. He also was not able to obtain any students interested in doing booth duty at the 4- H Fair.

b. Conservation Easements – S. Parson stated that M. Petrus notified three home owners requesting their permission for site visits. One response was received with available hours for the visit. No responses from the other two. M. Petrus stated that he will try to make telephone contact with these two.

c. 4-H Fair – D. Kellogg reported that she has received a number of volunteers. As mentioned previously, she recently visited the Delaware Township Environmental Commission's meeting and received a lot have interest from them. The sign-up schedule was released several weeks ago and already Wednesday and Friday have good coverage. Thursday and Saturday have the least coverage. M. Petrus briefly explained his procedures/plans for recycling at the Fair. He also volunteered to serve the last session at the booth on Sunday and have his truck available for break-down. D. Kellogg volunteered some plastic storage bins for safely packing up the materials afterwards. Volunteers were briefed prior to the meeting about the wheel and questions for the children. Members thanked the office staff for the copying of materials needed for the booth.

d. Sustainable East Amwell – D. Sageser was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

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APPLICATIONS FROM PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR REVIEW: none received

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Unused Pharmaceutical Collection – J. Angelone was absent this evening. No updates have been received.

b. Road Salt – Synopsis of the recent Township Committee meeting discussing this topic has not been received from J. Angelone. Samples of stream water were taken on August 10 and 11, 2010. Some creek beds were dry. T. Robbi has most of the samples awaiting the time when they can be officially read by meter. M. Petrus questioned the use of salt by the County and State and if statistics can be obtained on amount used. D. Kellogg stated that she knows that the County uses a brine solution.

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 8/23/10 agenda.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS: No comments received.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comments received.

ADJOURN: 8:20 PM Motion for adjournment was received from D. Kellogg and M. Petrus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joyce S. Corboy, Secretary

cc: Env. Com. Members	Board of Adjustment	Board of Health
Twp. Com. & Clerk	Democrat Newspaper	Recreation Com.
Twp. Bulletin Brd.	Trenton Times	Recycling Com.
Planning Board	Associate Members	Agric. Adv. Com.
Farmland & Open Space Preservation		