

MINUTES

**East Amwell Township Environmental Commission  
Business Meeting  
May 23, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The May 23, 2011 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, S. Parsons at 7:36 PM.

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 27, 2011. 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, T. Robbi, D. Kellogg, M. Petrus, E. Feinberg,  
J. Corboy (Secretary)

**ABSENT:** F. Clair, J. Angelone, D. Sageser, J. Bradstreet, T. Mathews, B. Hummel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** April 25, 2011 Business Meeting

The minutes of the April 25, 2011 business meeting were motioned for approval by T. Robbi, and with a second from D. Kellogg, were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention.

**LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:**

1. E-Mail message from ANJEC, 5/18/11, re: **Municipal Resolutions on Hydrofracking (Members discussed briefly. D. Kellogg explained the issues that might be of a concern. Secretary was asked to send a copy to T. Stahl/Township Committee.)**
2. Note from M. Hyland, **2011 Tax Bill Mailing (to be discussed under New Business)**
3. Note from J. Luhrs/CFO, 5/20/11, re: **2011 Budgets. (Members reviewed)**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

1. **Banisch Associates, Inc. - Easement Map Revisions \$67.50**

**Motion was made by M. Petrus and seconded by E. Feinberg to authorize payment on this bill. Vote was unanimously in favor.**

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**REPORTS:**

- a. Planning Board – D. Sageser was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- b. Township Committee – Representative was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- c. Recycling Committee – M. Petrus stated that the Recycling Committee is currently working on a plan/job description for a Recycling Enforcer for Businesses. S. Katz is writing up the procedures as suggested at the last meeting. He also informed members that he will be requesting a extra dumpster at the 4-H Fair to be designated for cardboard only.
- d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi informed members that they now have a new acquisition person, Jay Watson, who was formerly with D & R Greenway. A sub-group of members took him on a tour of the Township. One of the priorities of FOSPC is to find lands that are more usable to the public – parking is an issue for trails. Zuegner property will close next week. A major portion of East Amwell Township's share for this purchase has been picked by Raritan Piedmont Wildlife Habitat Partners. Property will be used a bird sanctuary.
- e. Site Review Committee – T. Robbi stated that the site visit to the solar farm (Block 3, Lots 1 & 2.02) – Board of Adjustment application was done a couple a weeks ago. He did the write-up and forwarded a copy to the Planning Board secretary. Hearing has been postponed till June 2011 because the applicant failed to notify Raritan Township. New application has been received for the C. Stahl property, also for solar construction project (Block 5, Lot 1.06 & 2). Application has been deemed complete and the hearing is expected to occur in July 2011. Site visit is not immediately needed. T. Robbi will make arrangements when it is to be done.
- f. Public Outreach – M. Petrus stated that the Plant Exchange Day was a great success. T. Robbi was present to explain about invasive plants. He also stated that he is in the process of trying to contact Mavrode Tree Farm to obtain tree seedlings for the 4-H Fair giveaways. Delaware Township supplied some last year and they were well received.
- g. Conservation Easements – S. Parson informed members that she and M. Petrus met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss upcoming sites to visit. Lots in block 34 have been chosen and M. Petrus will check into them more thoroughly before making any final decisions.
- h. Stream Quality Assessment – D. Kellogg stated that she had nothing new to report on this topic.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tax Bill Mailing Information – members discussed. Recycling Committee will be supplying some information on what is currently recyclable and also information**

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for businesses about the mandated recycling. S. Parsons suggested updated information on Conservation Easements. She read off what she had composed to the members and they agreed with her comments. E. Feinberg suggested that information be supplied not only on the website, but also how to gain access to it. T. Robbi suggested information on the recreational trails/parks be supplied and give residents the link to the Hunterdon County Parks website along with other websites and how to access information on the different park areas.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence was listed on the 5/23/11 agenda. Last minute addition is listed earlier in these minutes.

**OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:** No comments received.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None present.

**ADJOURN: 8:25 PM** Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and M. Petrus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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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		