

Dennis Township Environmental Commission

Minutes

Tuesday December 6, 2011, 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Eileen Turner at 7:20 PM

Reading of Open Public Meeting Statement:

“This meeting is being held under the Open Public Meeting Act and has been duly posted and published as required by law.”

<u>Roll Call</u> ✓	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Roll Call</u> ✓	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Baldwin, Lorraine	✓		Engel, Gordon	✓	
Berson, Kim	✓		Herlihy, James(Alt2)	✓	
Cantwell, Karen Alt 1	✓		Slotterback, Sue	✓	
Chelius, Edward		✓	Turner, Eileen	✓	
George, Alma	✓				

Visiting Dignitary: Erin Walsh, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador was introduced. She represents the combined efforts of the AmeriCorps, The NJ DEP and the Cape May County Planning Board with regard to the Cape May Watershed – WMA 16. She further explained her role and was looking for opportunities at the local level to give educational presentations. Much discussion ensued about various venues. She distributed her contact information and encouraged all to reach out to her. We look forward to her joining us at future meetings.

Approval of Minutes: November Minutes

Motioned by Alma George 2nd by Kim Berson Lorraine Baldwin abstained; all others were in favor. The Motion was passed and the Minutes were approved.

Communications and Announcements:

- Treasurer’s Report: A report from the Dennis Township CFO was reviewed reflecting \$314.64 balance.
- Purchase Order bounced back to the Commission for signature regarding reimbursement to Alma George in the amount of \$100 for the Continuing Education Units required under the NJ Shade Tree Act for compliance. At the October meeting it was agreed that Alma would attend the CEU daylong seminar and that the cost would come from DTEC Budget. Eileen Turner said she would have to address the paperwork with the Township Administrator at a later date. (Please note, *it has been subsequently signed off and reimbursement was made in a timely manner*)
- Letter addressed to Ed Chelius, Dennis Township Environmental Commission from Tree City was reviewed and it was determined that we don’t qualify for the program.
- Letter from State of NJ, The Pinelands Commission to William King Jr. regarding Block 51, Lot 3 allowing his permit to take effect. The Commission was copied.
- Reviewed correspondence between Ed Chelius, Judy Gollatz-Morgan, and Andy Previti regarding the Natural Resources Inventory.

Old Business

- Pierson Application for Ready mix concrete and Class B re-Cycling – Eileen Turner and Lorraine Baldwin recused themselves from discussion.

Review assignments –

Alma found that the LOI was in place as indicated on surveys and there was no issue.

Reviewed letter Ed sent to Zoning Board regarding our concerns and asking whether or not an Environmental Impact Study/Statement had been prepared. We were advised that pursuant to our Code we must present any concerns, questions, or requests at the public meeting. Eileen McFillen indicated that there was no EIS presented with the application.

Ed also checked the ordinances and there is no requirement for an EIS

Karen had a rough time trying to navigate the Fish and Wildlife websites without much luck. Sue suggested different websites and offered other suggestions to help Karen.

No NJ-Geomap from Kim

Alma obtained information from the County regarding Class B Recycling Facilities and found that in 2010 all the private companies combined reached only 16% of their capacity. In fact over a 10 year period the private companies combined never reached 50% capacity. This further demonstrates that there is no public need that out-ways the potential harm that could be caused by a Class B Recycling Facility.

Reviewed DRAFT Letter/Statement to be read at the Zoning Board's Public Meeting resulted in much discussion as to how to best approach and relay our position, recommendation and or advice. There was discussion regarding whether or not an Environmental Commission has the right to advise either Boards not to approve an application. Re-wording was considered. All members were asked for input and it was suggested a dead line for that input. The letter/statement will be re-written and emailed to everyone for their approval prior to presenting to the Zoning Board.

Zoning Board Meeting Report – NONE PRESENTED other than applications

Planning Board Meeting Report – NONE PRESENTED other than applications

New Business

Applications

1.

Address: 2068 US Route 9		
Block 262 lot 22	Owner: John A. Pagliei, Jr	Applicant: Same
Request: Zoning board application - Construct 336 s.f. Deck on single family structure.		
Issues:		
DTEC Recommendation: No Environmental Impact.		

Motioned by Eileen Turner , 2nd by Gordon Engle , all

<u>Roll Call</u> ✓	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Baldwin, Lorraine	✓				
Berson, Kim	✓				
Cantwell, Karen Alt1	✓				
Chelius, Edward					✓
George, Alma	✓				
Engel, Gordon	✓				
Herlihy, James Alt2	✓				
Slotterback, Sue	✓				
Turner, Eileen	✓				

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Address: 384 Woodbine-Oceanview Road

Block 224 lot 68.1,73,74.02,75.03,78.04	Owner: Pierson Pleasantville, LLC	Applicant: Same
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Request: **Planning board application - Pierson Mining Permit Renewal**

Issues:

DTEC Recommendation:
No Environmental Impact.

Motioned by Kim Berson , 2nd by Karen Cantwell , all

<u>Roll Call</u> ✓	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Baldwin, Lorraine			✓		
Berson, Kim	✓				
Cantwell, Karen Alt1	✓				
Chelius, Edward					✓
George, Alma	✓				
Engel, Gordon	✓				
Herlihy, James Alt2	✓				
Slotterback, Sue	✓				
Turner, Eileen			✓		

Public Comments: NONE

Announcement of next meeting:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS
JANUARY 12, 2012 AT 6:30 PM**

Meeting adjourned: At 9:30 PM

Motioned by Lorraine Baldwin 2nd Kim Berson All were in favor!

Attest _____
Eileen Turner Co-Chairperson

Ed Chelius, Secretary (absent)
Alma George acting Secretary

Alma George Co-Chairperson