

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
April 11, 2011**

The Tewksbury Township Environmental Commission met at a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Glenn Likus, Joe Weber, Bob Hoffman, Matt Grobert, Tom Schroth, Mary Ace and Mario Colitti.

Absent: Bruce Mackie

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

It was announced that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Municipal Building bulletin board, mailing a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the municipal clerk, all on January 11, 2011.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairman Teasdale opened the meeting up to the public. There being no one in the audience, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Schroth made a motion acknowledging receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a) ANJEC Report Spring 2011.
- b) Alert from the NJ Conservation Foundation re: DEP Public Hearing on Bellemead Wastewater Permit.
- c) Information from HART re: Free Sustainable Jersey Certification Assistance.
- d) A letter dated March 11, 2011 from SBWA re: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual South Branch Raritan River Clean Up.
- e) Notice of an application for an LOI re: Block 45, Lot 17.01.

The Commission agreed to research the information from HART described in item c above.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Update on E.C. Liaisons to other Boards/Committees (eg. Forest Advisory Board and Land Use Board)

Mr. Schroth reminded the Board that Arbor Day is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Pascale School; an apple tree donated by George Melick will be planted on the school property next to the existing apple orchard.

Due to Mr. Mackie's absence Mr. Teasdale read the following statement from Mr. Mackie into the record:

*The Land Use Board discussed memorandum from Bill Burr regarding concepts for an Environmental Constraints Ordinance (calculates deductions to available lot size based on particular constraint factors). The Environmental Commission will get a draft version to comment on once it is prepared. Also the PNC Bank application for an outside ATM passed with the stipulation that the ATM not have a lit advertisement sign on it (i.e.: one sign per site per the ordinance). A Tewksbury Township citizen (CEO of a solar energy company) will be supplying a suggested model ordinance for solar energy next month for the Land Use Board to consider.*

- Update on Hunterdon County Planning Awards – ERI Nomination

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It was announced that the Tewksbury Township Environmental Commission was awarded the Land Use Board Award for the Tewksbury Township Environmental Resource Inventory by the Hunterdon County Planning Board at the March 30, 2011 2010-2011 Planning and Design Awards dinner.

- Update on NJDEP hearing re: Bellemead Development Wastewater Treatment Permit

No new information reported.

- Continued discussion regarding the Washington Township Viewshed Protection Ordinance

No new information reported.

- Continued discussion regarding possible Noise Ordinance

Mr. Weber spoke about the NJDEP rules on fixed machinery and several examples of noise ordinances (NJDEP, Jefferson and South Plainfield Townships). Mr. Weber agreed to forward the ordinances for review by the Commission. When asked about the cost of a noise meter, Mr. Weber opined them to be approximately \$600.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Teasdale reported that the Township has filed for a grant with NJ American Water for eradication of water chestnuts from the Pascale Park pond.

Ms. Ace and Mr. Teasdale agreed to prepare an article to be published in the Times of Tewksbury in the fall regarding the fertilizer law.

Mr. Colitti summarized the Wood application.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schroth made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Weber seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator