

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
August 12, 2019**

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 7:45 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Bruce Mackie, Mary Ace, Michael Schlaefer, Alt. #1 and Hope Kaufman, Alt. #2.

Absent: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mario Colitti, Geoffrey Connor, Matt Grobert, and Glenn Likus

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Bruce Mackie 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 15, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

MINUTES

- June 10, 2019 (tabled from July)

The minutes of June 10, 2019 were tabled due to lack of a quorum for a vote.

- July 8, 2019

The minutes of July 8, 2019 were tabled due to lack of a quorum for a vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Ace made a motion acknowledging receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Schlaefer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a) A copy of an application to the NJ Department of Agriculture for survey of gypsy moth egg masses.
- b) A letter dated July 19, 2019 from ANJEC re: legislative initiative to phase out the use of single-use plastic bags, paper bags and polystyrene.

PRESENTATION

- Mara Tippett, Raritan Headwaters – Community Well Testing Program Update

Ms. Mara Tippett was present to discuss the program, get feedback from past events, discuss the dates for 2019 and to provide results from past years.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus to have the kits sold from October 1, 2019 through the return dates of October 24th and October 25th. When asked by Mrs. Kaufman if the kits could be ordered online, Ms. Tippett responded in the positive and noted that there will still be residents who would like to visit the Township offices to select their kits. She further clarified that the kits can be ordered and paid for online using PayPal or just ordered and paid for at the Township offices. Residents would need to bring Ms. Goodchild a printout showing that the kit was paid for online prior to the kit being released. Ms. Tippett agreed to discuss options with Ms. Goodchild. Mrs. Kaufman suggested having a table at the Harvest Festival to circulate information about the well testing program and she also suggested that the Raritan Headwaters consider a kid friendly presentation to both the Tewksbury Elementary School and the Old Turnpike School to get kids interested in the program. Ms. Tippett noted that e-mails and postcards will be sent out about the event and the sandwich boards will go up approximately 10 days prior to the start of the sale.

Ms. Tippett distributed well testing results for 2017 and 2018 for the Commission's consideration noting that 2018 was a record year for precipitation and there was an uptick in bacteria failures. She presented a map showing a grid of results without revealing specific addresses or testing results. She noted that the mapping also reveals where testing is not being done and those areas could be targeted for outreach efforts. In conclusion, Ms. Tippett explained that there are approximately 2,245 wells in Tewksbury and since 2011, 460 wells have been tested (20.5%).

The Commission thanked Ms. Tippett for her time and information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that he was not in attendance at the most recent Land Use Board meeting so there were no new updates.

- Stormwater Management Review

There was no new information to report. There was a brief discussion regarding recent storms and flooding in Oldwick near Joliet and Williams Streets.

- Scheduling County presentation re: Spotted Lanternfly – October 21, 2019

Mrs. Kaufman confirmed that the Commission will host the presentation by the County Parks representative. The Commission should confirm the location (Municipal Meeting

Hall or the Old Turnpike School) but it is likely to be held at the Municipal Meeting Hall at the regularly scheduled Environmental Commission meeting.

- Signage/cameras at the Route 78 Park and Ride

This item was tabled until more members of the Commission are present.

Mrs. Kaufman announced that August 17, 2019 is the last drive-in movie of the season hosted by the Parks Committee. She noted that the movies in the park have been a great success this year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Kaufman made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Ms. Ace seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator