

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
July 8, 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 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie and Michael Schlaefer, Alt. #1

Absent: Mario Colitti, Geoffrey Connor, Matt Grobert, Glenn Likus and Hope Kaufman, Alt. #2

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chris Teasdale 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. 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.

MINUTES

➤ May 13, 2019

The minutes of May 13, 2019 were approved by motion of Ms. Ace and seconded by Mr. Teasdale with one edit on page two (2). All were in favor. Mr. Schlaefer abstained.

➤ June 10, 2019

The minutes of June 10, 2019 were tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A copy of a letter dated June 27, 2019 from Francis Linnus, Township Attorney to Susan Rosenwinkel, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Surface Water Permitting re: request for an adjudicatory hearing and Stay Request on the Permit Decision for the Surface Water Major Mod Permit Action,

- NJPDES Permit No. NJ0102563, Route 78 Office Area WWTF.
- b) A notice dated June 11, 2019 from PS&S re: application by A.M. Best Company, Inc. for freshwater wetlands letter of interpretation – line verification for Block 46, Lot 6.
 - c) A letter dated June 25, 2019 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 19-06, Block 11, Lot 23.
 - d) A notice dated May 30, 2019 re: application for authorization under Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #8 has been submitted to NJDEP for construction of a proposed in-ground pool, Block 38, Lot 17.01.
 - e) A copy of a letter dated June 19, 2019 from NJDEP to Scott and Andrea Kimmelman re: Highlands Exemption No. 5 for Block 31, Lot 12.01.
 - f) A letter dated June 28, 2019 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 19-07, Block 28, Lot 21.

Addressing item e) above, the Commission reviewed the application material and took no action. Mr. Teasdale recused himself from the discussion as the Tewksbury Land Trust owns adjacent property.

Addressing item f) above, the Commission reviewed the application material and the Commission recommended the installation of a drywell and a landscape buffer.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie had nothing new to report.

- NJPDES Permit No. NJ0102563, Route 78 Office area WWTF (Bellemead)

Mr. Teasdale noted that the Township has requested an adjudicatory hearing and included the Environmental Commission’s letter in the material submitted.

- NJDEP Class 1 Stream upgrade

Mr. Teasdale noted that Mr. Connor suggested that the Commission send a statement of support to the NJDEP for the upgrade of the class 1 streams. The Commission also discussed the letter written by the Raritan Headwaters and their recommendations. Mr. Teasdale suggested amending Mr. Connor’s draft letter to read that the Environmental Commission supports the stream upgrade with a copy to the Land Use Board, Township Committee and County Freeholders.

- Stormwater Management Review

This discussion was tabled.

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

After the date is verified with Hope Kaufman a blurb will be placed in the September and October issues of the Times of Tewksbury.

- Signage/cameras at the Route 78 Park and Ride

Mr. Teasdale tabled the discussion in order to do more research on the issue.

- 2019 Community Well Testing Program

Mr. Mackie agreed to reach out to Mara Tippett at the Raritan Headwaters to discuss dates. The Commission suggesting having the kit returns dates after the October 21, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Ms. Ace seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator