

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
December 12, 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, Tom Schroth, Joe Weber, Glenn Likus and Bruce Mackie.

Absent: Robert Hoffman, Mario Colitti, Mary Ace and Matt Grobert.

**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.

**MICELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Mr. Teasdale noted that he witnessed the sidewalk contractors in Oldwick laying blue stone over the concrete in extremely cold temperatures and asked Mr. Likus if he knew what problems that may create. Mr. Likus explained that the sidewalks consist of a concrete base and the contractors are using mortar as a “glue” to attach the blue stone. He explained that there are additives that can be added to the mortar which reduces the setting time. Generally speaking when blue stone is glued to concrete it doesn’t last. When asked what will happen, Mr. Likus explained that the bluestone expands and contracts at a mildly different rate than the mortar. Over a period of a few years, when moisture gets between the bluestone and mortar, the interface between the mortar and the bluestone will give and the bluestone will begin to loosen. He added that the sidewalks are an improvement to what was there and are better aesthetically than stamped concrete.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of November 14, 2011 were approved by motion of Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Mackie. All were in favor. Mr. Weber abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a. Notice from Cecilia Castillo re: an application to the NJDEP for general permit authorization for Block 32, Lot 28 (44 Water Street).

- b. Notice dated November 22, 2011 from Bohler Engineering re: an application by AM Best Company to the NJDEP for a transition area waiver for linear development for Block 46, Lots 2.01, 5 & 6.
- c. A letter from ANJEC re: year end donations.
- d. A letter dated November 28, 2011 from Shana Goodchild re: Lauezzari, Appl. No. 11-16, Block 31, Lot 25.
- e. A letter dated November 30, 2011 from Shana Goodchild re: Koplowitz, Appl. No. 11-15, Block 6, Lot 24.18.
- f. A letter dated December 5, 2011 from Shana Goodchild re: Taggart, Appl. No. 11-07, Block 23, Lot 26.

#### Lauezzari

The Commission was unsure about the limitations on floor area ratio and the lot coverage but assumed that they were not over the maximum permitted since the application did not request variances. Mr. Teasdale agreed to send a memo to the Land Use Board noting that the Commission is in support of the method of drainage, the retention of the stone building and had no issue with the setback variance. The Commission took exception with the soil stockpile so close to the pond.

#### Koplowitz

Mr. Teasdale offered to draft a memo to the Land Use Board to express the Commission's concern about the coverage. The recommendation would be to look at removing some of the existing impervious surfaces to minimize the coverage.

#### Taggart

The Commission discussed the location of the proposed lot as it relates to the Oldwick sewer irrigation field but had no other comments.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

#### Forestry Advisory Board

Mr. Schroth explained that he, Teddy Murphy and Norman Diegnan met with the new interim Superintendent of Tewksbury schools to discuss broadening the scope of Arbor Day activities. He was very agreeable to the concept so next year the program will involve two (2) presentations, one for the third graders and one for the sixth graders. The presenter lined up is from the Audubon Society; he provided CEU seminar for the Forestry Advisory Board a few months back.

#### Pascale Advisory Committee

Mr. Teasdale had nothing new to report.

#### Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that last Wednesday the Board heard the closing arguments for the subdivision of Vliettown Farm owned by some of the Johnson family. The subdivision

was approved by the Board with similar conditions as was placed on the other Johnson subdivisions recently approved.

When asked about the helistop, Mr. Mackie noted that the hearings are ongoing with the next meeting reserved for the opposition to provide testimony.

Mr. Mackie asked about the budget for the Environmental Commission to which Mr. Teasdale explained that he asked Ms. Goodchild to budget for the normal membership fees for ANJEC and the SBWA (now merged with URWA). He noted that Ms. Goodchild offered to request funding to apply for grants for ongoing remediation of the water chestnuts at the Pascale Farm Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schroth made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Mr. Weber seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild