

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

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Bruce Mackie, Joe Weber, Tom Schroth, Matt Grobert, Mary Ace and Robert Hoffman arrived at 7:38.

Absent: Mario Colitti and Glenn Likus

**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.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of June 13, 2011 were approved by motion of Mrs. Ace and seconded by Mr. Mackie with a minor correction by adding the word "divided" to the Kian discussion. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) Notice dated June 30, 2011 from Jennifer U. Johnson regarding an application for an LOI for Block 43, Lots 3.
- b) A letter dated July 1, 2011 from Shana Goodchild re: Glasgow, Appl. No. 11-09, Block 38, Lot 12.
- c) A copy of a letter dated July 7, 2011 from Shana Goodchild to the Mayor and Township Committee re: Noise Ordinance.

The Board reviewed the Glasgow application, Appl. No. 11-09 and specifically noted the letter from PK Environmental regarding the stream and riparian buffer. Mr. Teasdale suggested that the Commission request that the Land Use Board ask the applicant to consider restoring the riparian zone to reclaim the edge of the stream; the Commission agreed to provide them with Best Management Practices. There was a consensus amongst the Commission to send that recommendation on to the Land Use Board. Mr. Teasdale agreed to draft the letter.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Forest Advisory Board – Mr. Schroth noted that the Forest Advisory Board has been contemplating what type of training session to have this year in order to fulfill the CEO requirement for the Tree City USA designation. A discussion ensued about invasive species and the water chestnuts at the Pascale Park pond. Mr. Teasdale explained that he and Mr. Colitti have exchanged e-mails trying to gather people to work on the pond; they plan on working at the pond on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pascale Advisory Committee – It was reported by Mr. Teasdale that the Pascale Advisory Committee is scheduling a second meeting for the group to discuss stewardship, school student involvement, etc.

Land Use Board – Mr. Mackie noted that the Board addressed the correspondence from the Environmental Commission regarding the noise ordinance. The Board decided to forward the information to the Township Committee and asked them to forward it to the Township Planner if they are interested in pursuing the ordinance.

Mr. Mackie noted that he did not attend the Johnson helistop site walk. Mr. Weber explained that he attended and the applicant had the participants stand at the edge of Homestead Road while the helicopter approached from the southeast at low altitude. The helicopter landed, shut down and took off again and returned on another approach. Mr. Weber opined that it was difficult to hear at the approach and altitude chosen by the applicant's pilot. He noted that if the applicant receives approval they are not constrained to that flight pattern. Mr. Weber expressed concern that the flyover was not a valid demonstration. Mr. Teasdale pointed out that the applicant, if approved, will not be limited to a certain type of helicopter.

Mr. Mackie reported that the Kian application was approved by a split decision and opined that it passed because of the prior approval and because half of the impervious coverage is from the winding driveway.

- Continued discussion regarding the Washington Township Viewshed Protection Ordinance

Mr. Teasdale had nothing new to report.

- Continued discussion regarding possible Noise Ordinance  
As reported above.

- Water Test Kits

Mr. Teasdale reminded the Commission of the need for a date for the well test kits for 2011. Mr. Mackie volunteered to handle the program again. When asked by Mr. Schroth if the data is useful, Mr. Teasdale explained that the data is there but the problem is that it has not been plotted. He also noted that the same residents participate every year. Mr.

Mackie agreed to call the South Branch Watershed Association and Mr. Teasdale agreed to send the Times of Tewksbury a blurb about the upcoming testing program. Mr. Grobert and Mr. Weber offered to help with the drop off mornings in mid October (12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) with the kits available for purchase in September.

➤ ANJEC Checklist

Mr. Teasdale reminded the Commission that Mrs. Ace reviewed the ANJEC checklist and asked Ms. Goodchild to provide the Commission with copies for the meeting. Mr. Teasdale opined that it would be good to cross check it with the Township's checklists. He agreed to get the checklist that the Application Review Committee uses for review at the August meeting.

➤ Miscellaneous

Ms. Ace updated the Commission on the macro-invertebrate testing at a site in Vernoy and the need for volunteers. Mr. Grobert volunteered to help Ms. Ace with the sampling.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Weber made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Schroth seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator