

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
August 8, 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 7:37 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Bruce Mackie, Mario Colitti, Tom Schroth and Mary Ace arrived at 7:47.

Absent: Joe Weber, Matt Grobert, Robert Hoffman 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.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Teasdale presented to the Commission the following resolution thanking Mr. Robert Horton for the volunteer work that he did for the Commission by helping with the road crossing inventory. Mr. Teasdale noted that Mr. Horton was accompanied by Lyndsay Mancilla on some of his field work and so the resolution also thanks her for her time.

Mr. Teasdale made a motion for unanimous approval of the following resolution. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Resolution of Thanks

Whereas the New Jersey Water Supply Authority proposed to the Tewksbury Township Environmental Commission that a road crossing inventory be conducted throughout the township and contiguous subwatershed,

and whereas the Environmental Commission called for volunteers to help conduct the inventory on the hundreds of bridges and culverts throughout the township and subwatershed,

and whereas the Water Supply Authority provided training for volunteers to conduct the inventory,

and whereas after the community response there were over 100 undocumented crossings in the township and subwatershed,

and whereas Mr. Robert Horton had shown interest in the headwaters originating in Tewksbury as they impacted his home town of Bound Brook during flood events,

and whereas Mr. Horton volunteered his services to help complete the inventory,

and whereas Mr. Horton was ably assisted by township resident Ms. Lyndsay Mancilla,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Tewksbury Township Environmental Commission wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Horton and Ms. Mancilla for their time, energy, and effort in completing this project for the Water Supply Authority, the Commission, and the Township.

Furthermore, the Environmental Commission wishes to share knowledge of this resolution by sending a copy to the Land Use Board, the Tewksbury Township Committee, Mr. Horton, and Ms. Mancilla.

Approved by Unanimous Consent August 8, 2011

Ayes: Mr. Colitti, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Teasdale

Nays: None

Mr. Schroth noted that he has witnessed how the stormwater along the Rockaway has gotten worse; significant signs of flood damage exist.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A copy of Clinton Township Ordinance No. 1024-11 forwarded to the Environmental Commission by the Land Use Board for review.

Ms. Ace arrived at this time (7:47 p.m.).

Mr. Mackie explained that the ordinance from Clinton Township has to do with the storage of outdoor materials (bulk materials). The Land Use Board forwarded the ordinance to the Environmental Commission for informational purposes and no action is required.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Forest Advisory Board – Mr. Schroth had nothing new to report.

Pascale Advisory Committee – Mr. Teasdale explained that they met last week and each Committee member has taken ownership of a specific item to research. Those items include:

- a. 501 (c) 3 status as a non-profit for fundraising and grant work; Committeeman Tom Dillon
- b. Liaison with the Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and school groups; Committeewoman Patrice Mautrana
- c. Collation all environmental information that exists on the park; Committeeman Chris Teasdale
- d. Additional research; Chairman Dan Todd

Mr. Teasdale noted that one of his ideas is to have a two (2) week youth conservation camp in the summer for which he volunteered to be the director. A few paid counselors and a few Tewksbury volunteers would help camp kids with removal of invasive species and trimming dead tree limbs, marking trails, etc. He noted that the idea was well received and will be further studied. When asked if it will be implemented next summer, Mr. Teasdale responded that he would like to work to make that happen.

A September site walk of the Pascale park is anticipated.

Land Use Board – Mr. Mackie explained that the last meeting was for the cross examination of the Johnson expert for the helistop; he has finished his testimony and the next witness scheduled is the sound expert and Planner. The next public hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2011 at the Tewksbury Elementary School.

- Dates and costs of Community Well Test Program

Mr. Teasdale reported that an article will appear in the Times of Tewksbury in August announcing the types of tests and costs. Mr. Teasdale confirmed that Mr. Mackie, Mr. Grobert and Mr. Weber have agreed to accept the kits the mornings of October 12th and October 13th. Shana Goodchild and Roberta Brassard have agreed to sell the kits in the month leading up to the return dates.

- Washington Township Viewshed Protection Ordinance
Tabled

➤ Noise Ordinance – feedback from Township Committee

Mr. Teasdale noted that the Township Committee has indicated that they will not entertain a noise ordinance at this time.

➤ Environmental Commission Checklist

Mr. Teasdale explained that he reviewed the submission checklist used by the Land Use Board as well as on-line checklists. He noted that Ms. Goodchild has offered to include a sentence or two (2) to briefly describe the application so that the Commission can focus on the request and he suggested that the Commission use the ANJEC checklist on the next application.

➤ Pascale Park Pond – Water Chestnut Removal

Mr. Teasdale noted that he and Mr. Colitti removed water chestnuts by hand for nine (9) hours and it made no impact. He suggested that the Commission seek out another grant opportunity to remove them properly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schroth made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator