

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
November 18, 2013**

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 7:40 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie and Glenn Likus.

Absent: Mario Colitti, Robert Hoffman, Joe Weber, Glenn Stein, Alt. #1 and Matt Grobert, 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, 2013.

**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**

➤ October 21, 2013

Mr. Mackie made a motion to approve the October 21, 2013 minutes. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ms. Ace abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) A letter dated October 24, 2013 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 13-11, Noe, Block 34, Lot 18.
- b) A letter dated October 21, 2013 from Angela Gorczyca at Raritan Headwaters Association re: 24<sup>th</sup> Watershed-wide Annual Stream Clean-up.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported that the applicant for a cell tower in Oldwick appeared for the first time on November 6, 2013 and it was their design architect who presented and answered

questions from the Board and public. He noted that there will be no light at the top of the proposed tower. Testimony was not provided regarding why the applicant chose the proposed location; testimony from the RF Engineer will be provided at a future hearing. The witness will return at the next hearing, December 18, 2013 to finish his testimony and answer additional questions from the audience. Mr. Mackie explained that the witness offered to move the cell tower to the top of the hill, which could change the design and reduce the height (could be an 80 foot high silo). A site walk was conducted on November 16, 2013 and the applicant was asked to fly a balloon (orange/red) at 80 feet to represent the possible silo and another balloon (black) at 140 feet (the height of the current proposed tower). When asked if any testimony was provided as to the need, Mr. Mackie responded in the negative and noted that that testimony will be provided by the RF Engineer at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Mackie added that it is built to accommodate additional providers. Discussion ensued regarding any impact the blasting from the quarry would have on the tower. Ms. Ace noted that the quarry blasts at least once a month, which causes the houses to shake and questioned whether it made sense to build a cell tower near an active quarry. Mr. Mackie opined that they may have proposed a windmill specifically so they could construct a slab and tie it into the slab, which would only require footings approximately 8 feet deep.

- Appl. No. 13-11, Noe, Block 34, Lot 18

The Commission reviewed the above referenced application material for the proposed garage; the existing detached garage was crushed by a tree during Hurricane Sandy. The applicant is requesting impervious coverage, side and rear setback variances to construct the new garage. Mr. Teasdale opined that if the neighbors don't have an issue with the project then the Commission shouldn't either since the coverage is decreasing. The Commission agreed and left it in Mr. Mackie's hands to make any necessary comments at the public hearing.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale presented to the Commission the 7 minute i-movie he prepared showing the removal of the Water Chestnuts from the Pascale Pond. Mr. Teasdale noted that he also documented the infestation in the upper Pascale Pond. Mr. Likus suggested slowing down the frames in the movie for those who have not witnessed this type of removal process. Ms. Ace agreed that by slowing down the frames it will give people time to process it, which will make a bigger impact. When asked the next step, Mr. Teasdale noted that the Commission should make sure the Township is supportive of the use of chemicals and if is so have them applied at the most impactful time. When asked what he will do with the i-movie, Mr. Teasdale explained that it will be forwarded to ANJEC as part of the grant reporting. The Commission thanked Mr. Teasdale for the time he put into the movie and the project.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild