

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
March 11, 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 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Glenn Likus, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Mary Ace and Glenn Stein, Alt. #1

Absent: Joe Weber, Robert Hoffman and Matt Grobert, Alt. #2

Mr. Teasdale welcomed the newest Commission member Glenn Stein.

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 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A copy of the American Water Grant filed by the Environmental Commission for the Water Chestnut Eradication.
- b) ANJEC Funding for Environmental Projects.

Mr. Teasdale added item b) to the correspondence list. He noted that the funding requires a minimum of 80 hours of labor toward the project for the grant funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Solar Siting and Sustainable Land Use – discuss ANJEC White Paper distributed in November (continued from February)

Mr. Teasdale noted that the ANJEC white paper has been discussed over the last several meetings. He noted that it is a timely discussion given the potential solar farm in Bedminster. Mr. Mackie agreed to up the issue at the next Land Use Board meeting and

schedule a time for the discussion at an upcoming Land Use Board meeting. Mr. Mackie also indicated that he would ask Ms. Goodchild to get a copy of the ordinance from Bedminster Township.

➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts (American Water Grant)

For the benefit of Mr. Stein, Mr. Teasdale talked about the invasive water chestnuts at the Pascale Pond and the efforts by the Environmental Commission to rid the pond of them. He noted that another American Water grant was applied for and the hope is that the grant is approved so that the Commission can commission a mechanical harvester to remove the chestnuts. Mr. Teasdale noted that a Boy Scout troop may be interested in helping out as part of a project. Ms. Ace noted that she received a call from a Boy Scout also interested in doing community service and she suggested that he attend an upcoming Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued on how the invasive is being transported to other ponds. Ms. Ace suggested that the Commission apply for the ANJEC grant and indicate that there are at least two (2) sites infested and the goal is to try and eradicate both ponds. Mr. Teasdale offered to put something together to apply for the ANJEC grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Colitti made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Ms. Ace seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild