

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
March 10, 2014**

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 7:31 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Mario Colitti, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Stein, Robert Hoffman and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #2.

Absent: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Glenn Likus and Matt Grobert, Alt. #1.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Bruce Mackie 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 16, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mackie opened the meeting up to the public. There being no one in the audience, Mr. Mackie closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

- February 10, 2014

Mrs. Ace made a motion to approve the February 10, 2014 minutes. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Connor and Mr. Hoffman abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated March 4, 2014 from Shana Goodchild re: Application No. 14-1, Block 33, Lot 7.19, impervious coverage variance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2014 ANJEC Grant

Mr. Mackie noted that Mr. Teasdale forwarded a draft of the application for the ANJEC grant to apply for funds for the herbicide treatment of water chestnuts at the Pascale Pond. Mr. Mackie noted that the grant application involves more professionals rather than relying on volunteer hours. Ms. Ace opined that ANJEC would look favorably on the application, despite less volunteer hours, since it is a continuation of a successful

project.

It was noted that the word “chestnuts” should be added to the cover page. Mr. Mackie agreed to pass that edit on to Mr. Teasdale.

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that he was not present at the last Board meeting due to illness but Mr. Colitti attended to speak to the Land Use Board about three (3) solar powered scoreboards, one (1) for the girls softball field at the Old Turnpike School and two (2) at the Tewksbury Elementary School. Mr. Colitti noted that the Land Use Board had no issue with the placement of the scoreboards and they pose no environmental concerns. Mr. Colitti noted that the only concern was the placement of the scoreboards at the Tewksbury Elementary school; the Superintendent of Public Works expressed concern regarding the scoreboard obstructing the soccer field situated between the ball fields. Mr. Colitti opined that they will not obstruct or impede the soccer field but agreed to work with the Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Colitti explained that the scoreboards only cost \$10 per year to run and are removable for storage during the winter. When asked the cost of the scoreboard, Mr. Colitti noted that each scoreboard costs \$5,995 and measure 5 feet x 12 feet x 3 inches. When asked where the solar panels are located, Mr. Colitti responded on the back. When asked if the back of the unit needs to face south, Mr. Colitti was unsure but indicated that the units face west so they should receive afternoon sun.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the plans and application material for Appl. No. 14-01 (Roddy) referenced in the correspondence above. Mr. Mackie noted that the increase in impervious coverage will be handled by proposed drywells. Mr. Colitti noted that in the past the Commission has asked that the pool be filled with a tanker rather than using the well which can put a strain on the aquifer. Ms. Ace made a motion to authorize Mr. Mackie to communicate the following questions at the Land Use Board hearing. Mr. Stein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Mackie abstained. 1) where are the drywells and how many are proposed, 2) where is the gravel to be removed, 3) will the pool be filled with a offsite water source instead of the onsite well, 4) how many trees will be removed and will they be replaced, 5) why was Lot 7.18 omitted from the property owner list and were they noticed.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed drainage system.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild