

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
April 14, 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 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Likus, Matt Grobert, Alt. #1 and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #2.

Absent: Mario Colitti, Glenn Stein and Robert Hoffman

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chairman 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 16, 2014.

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

➤ March 10, 2014

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Teasdale and Mr. Grobert abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated March 25, 2014 from Shana Goodchild re: Application No. 13-18, Block 14, Lot 41, impervious coverage and use variance.
- b) Notice dated March 25, 2014 from Bellemead Development Corporation re: application to NJDEP for an LOI for Block 46.01, Lot 7.
- c) An e-mail dated April 1, 2014 from Kerry Miller at ANJEC acknowledging receipt of our 2014 Open Space Stewardship Grant submission.

For Mr. Connor's benefit, Mr. Teasdale provided a brief history of the properties south of Route 78 owned by Bellemead Development Corporation. Mrs. Ace discussed the

classification of the stream as trout production and trout maintenance and the environmental constraints on both properties. Mr. Mackie noted that the LOI notification is for the property on the west side of the County roadway. He added that the NJDEP staff is extremely busy and he does not know whether they have the staff to visit the property to do field verification. The Commission agreed that it should keep abreast of the situation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ 2014 ANJEC Grant

Mr. Teasdale noted that the grant application was filed with ANJEC. Mr. Teasdale suggested photographing the application of the herbicide when it happens. Mr. Teasdale noted that he received a call from the family that volunteered last summer (neighbors to the Pascale Farm Park) and they picked up three (3) bags of seed pods that were floating on the surface; they will make arrangements to drop off the bags of seed pods with Mr. Teasdale.

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Board is still waiting for the Cellco Partnership cell tower, 19 King Street, to return to the Board in May.

The Commission reviewed Appl. No. 13-18 referenced in the correspondence above. Mr. Likus read the application into the record. The application is for a use variance for a one (1) bedroom apartment in an existing barn for the owner's elderly mother. Mr. Teasdale reminded the Commission members that the Land Use Board needs to deal with the use aspect and that it is the Commission's responsibility to consider the impervious coverage, septic, tree removal, etc. He noted that there appears to be no environmental impact since no new coverage is proposed. Mr. Likus noted that the only issue that may come up is the size of the septic system versus the number of bedrooms. The Commission noted that the existing impervious coverage is extremely high. There was a question as to how access from the apartment to the main house will be gained and if additional impervious coverage be added.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild