

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
June 9, 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 7:32 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Stein and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #2.

Absent: Mario Colitti, Glenn Likus, Matt Grobert, Alt. #1 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 questions from the audience, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

- April 14, 2014

The minutes of April 14, 2014 were approved by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mrs. Ace. All were in favor. Mr. Stein abstained.

- May 12, 2014

The minutes of May 12, 2014 were tabled until more members were present to vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated June 9, 2014 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 14-03 Sprint Spectrum, Block 11, Lot 38.01.

The Environmental Commission reviewed and discussed the above application and had the following to offer:

Cognizant of the township's guiding regulation on the siting of cellular telephone radio communications equipment (DRO §807 D.1: "The first priority location shall be co-location on existing wireless telecommunications towers or on high tension towers), the Environmental Commission believes the site location is appropriate.

The main concern is with lighting. The plans show two floodlights on a pole that extends up from the ground-based communications cabinet. The Commission assumes that the Land Use Board will put appropriate restrictions on the burning of those lights (e.g., not on unless work is being done on site). Second, the plans do not show any lights at the top of the tower. The Commission assumes this is correct and that no red light or other marker will be needed.

The Board should also ascertain the following:

- Is a diesel generator required for power outages? If so, the Board should consider issues of fuel storage on site, noise of the generators, and air pollution.

Mr. Teasdale agreed to send the Commission's concerns to the Land Use Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Water Chestnut Treatment at Pascale

Mr. Teasdale noted that Black Lagoon Pond Management has treated both the upper and lower ponds at Pascale for water chestnuts. He explained that Mr. Colitti took a video of the process and the company has expressed concern that their employees were interviewed on camera. They have asked to view the video before it is released to the public. The ponds currently show no water chestnuts on the surface; continuance monitoring will take place over the next few months.

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that he was not present at the most recent Land Use Board meeting however the Lyons application was discussed and a site walk was scheduled; the hearing is scheduled to continue on June 18, 2014.

Mr. Mackie noted that the Cellco Verizon application is scheduled to be heard at the second meeting in July.

- Annual Community Well Test Program Update

Mr. Mackie announced that well test kits will go on sale in September and the return dates are October 15th and 16th. Mr. Teasdale suggested discussing the article for the Times of Tewksbury at the July 14th Commission meeting so that it can be sent by the July 15th deadline.

Mr. Teasdale opined that it would be interesting to submit a water sample from the Pascale Pond since it was treated.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator