

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
September 8, 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 7:37 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Likus, Glenn Stein, Mario Colitti arrived at 7:40 p.m., Matt Grobert, Alt. #1 and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #2.

Absent: Mary Ace 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**

- August 11, 2014

The minutes of August 11, 2014 were approved by Mr. Stein and seconded by Mr. Mackie with one (1) correction on page three (3). All were in favor. Mr. Likus and Mr. Grobert abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) A letter dated September 4, 2014 from Shana Goodchild re: Holmes, Appl. No. 14-11, Block 23, Lot 8.09.
- b) A copy of a letter dated September 4, 2014 from Greg Meese, Attorney for Cellco Partnership to Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 13-03, Block 44, Lot 26, along with a revised RF Report, Supplement Data and Supplemental Report from Planner Tim Kronk.

The Commission discussed the application outlined in item a) above. Based on the small nature of the project and there being no environmental impacts the Commission had no comment regarding the project.

The Commission discussed the correspondence described in item b) above. The Commission discussed the two (2) alternative sites identified in the report. Mr. Likus noted that he has

noticed that the cell service in Tewksbury has deteriorated. When asked why Cellco prepared the report, Mr. Teasdale explained that the Land Use Board tasked the applicant with finding alternative sites and they have come up with two (2) possible alternatives (the church/antique store steeple and an electrical stanchion on Hill and Dale Road). Mr. Teasdale reminded everyone that the Commission has gone on record suggesting that the applicant investigate alternative sites and the applicant has followed through with identifying two (2) of the sites the Commission suggested. Mr. Mackie confirmed that the applicant is still scheduled for their public hearing on September 17, 2014 at the Old Turnpike School.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Water Chestnut Treatment at Pascale – update on request for township to pay the cost of water test at Pascale Pond

Mr. Teasdale noted that the Township Administrator has denied funding of a water test of the Pascale Park pond since it is not a potable water source.

Mr. Colitti played an eight (8) minute video he took showing the May 27, 2014 application of the herbicide at Pascale Park pond. It was noted that if the Commission uses the video for public viewing a release from the owner of the company applying the herbicide.

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Township passed two (2) ordinances for solar and wind energy systems. Mr. Teasdale requested that Ms. Goodchild provide the Commission with copies of the ordinances that were adopted.

Mr. Mackie noted that the Land Use Board adopted the Highlands Element of the Master Plan on September 3, 2014; municipalities that are within the Preservation Area must adopt the Highlands Element.

- Annual Community Well Test Program

Mr. Mackie noted that the well test kits are available for purchase between now and October 15, 2014. Mr. Mackie offered to put another reminder in the Times of Tewksbury. Mr. Colitti and Mr. Grobert both agreed to help Mr. Mackie at the October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> drop off dates.

Mr. Mackie reported that Raritan Headwaters Association has started to pull together preliminary study results and created pie charts with the results.

- Miscellaneous

Mr. Likus noted that the Ash tree borer is impacting the trees in Tewksbury and it's his understanding that it is a regional issue. It is his understanding that if the diseased trees are removed the healthier trees have a better chance of surviving. Mr. Mackie and Mr. Colitti noted that the tree ordinance does not prohibit the removal of dead and diseased trees.

It was noted that there is a site walk at the Oldwick Fire Company property related to their proposed electronic sign variance application on September 24, 2014 at 6 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator