

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
October 19, 2015**

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 7:43 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Glenn Likus, Mario Colitti and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #1.

Absent: Bruce Mackie, Mary Ace, Matt Grobert and Robert Hoffman.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Chris 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 13, 2015.

**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**

➤ September 14, 2015

The minutes of September 14, 2015 were approved by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mr. Colitti. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) A letter dated September 24, 2015 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 15-11, Block 32, Lots 22.01, 22.04 and 22.05, Lot Line Adjustment and Use Variances.
- b) A letter dated October 7, 2015 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 15-13, Block 27, Lot 67, Impervious Coverage Variance.
- c) A Memo dated October 2, 2015 from Bob Benz re: Stephens Highlands Applicability Determination, Block 15, Lot 8.03.
- d) ANJEC Report, Autumn 2015

Mr. Teasdale noted that item a) had already been approved by the Land Use Board and

there was no building involved. The Commission had no comments.

The Commission reviewed item b) above for an impervious coverage variance for a small addition to the existing home. It was noted that if the common portion of the driveway was not counted towards the impervious coverage the applicant would only have 2.77% coverage, well under the 5% permitted. The Commission expressed concern about disturbance within the buffer area to the Category 1 stream. The Commission authorized Mr. Teasdale to draft a letter indicating that the Commission had no issue with the proposed project except that the construction may require an NJDEP permit for disturbance within the 300 foot riparian buffer.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Updates – Land Use Board

Due to Mr. Mackie's absence there was no Land Use Board update.

- Community Well Test Program

Mr. Teasdale reminded the Commission members that the return dates for the well test kits are next Tuesday and Wednesday and that he and Mr. Connor would be helping with the returns both days.

- Pascale Pond – Update on Water Chestnuts Eradication/ANJEC 2015 Grant

Mr. Teasdale provided the Commission members with the presentation that he gave to the students at the Tewksbury Elementary School. The slides included an aerial view of the Pascale pond and school and he noted that he discussed headwaters and invasive plants, specifically the water chestnuts in the Pascale pond. Mr. Teasdale explained that he showed the students the video of the eradication process and the herbicide application. At the end of the program, the students visited the pond and collected several thousand seed pods; a total of 130 students participated in the program. Mr. Teasdale noted that all of the seed pods have dried up and so he believes that they are no longer viable. The presentation to the students completes the deliverables for the grant from ANJEC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Teasdale mentioned that he spent several days at Stoke State Forest at the NJ Forest Stewardship workshop and noted that it was a top notch program.

There being no further business, Mr. Colitti made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator