

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
December 11, 2017**

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 7:34 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mario Colitti, Geoffrey Connor, Glenn Likus, Mary Ace arrived at 7:37 p.m. and Michael Schlaefer, Alt #2

Absent: Bruce Mackie, Matt Grobert and Hope Kaufman

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 10, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Teasdale opened the meeting up to the public.

Dawn Pogosaew, Conservation Chair of the Women's Club of Tewksbury was present to provide an update on the proposed mowing schedule for the Pascale Farm Park. She explained that she met with John Park from the Audubon Society and he is going to prepare a report to submit the Township Committee for the small field by the pond at Pascale. The mowing schedule could then be utilized for other areas within the park and other township parks. When asked what months the mowing will take place, Mrs. Pogosaew explained that the wet meadow will be a biannual mowing. The other meadow by the pond has potential for nesting birds. Mrs. Pogosaew noted that she needs to contact the school to find out how and when they use the park for field day, etc. When asked by Mr. Likus if the Audubon promotes controlled burning, Mrs. Pogosaew was unsure. Mr. Teasdale noted that the Commission will adopt a resolution of support for the mowing plan once it has been finalized. Mrs. Pogosaew noted that she will submit everything via e-mail and return in January. The Commission thanked Mrs. Pogosaew for her work on the project.

There being no additional public comment, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

➤ November 13, 2017

Mr. Colitti made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017. Mr. Connor found the minutes to be well written and seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Likus and Mr. Schlaefer abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Notice dated December 6, 2017 from Dr. Frank and Elena Schwab re: Letter of Interpretation for Block 42, Lot 4.
- b) A letter dated December 11, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 17-12, Block 10, Lot 4.01.

A lengthy and vigorous discussion ensued regarding item b) above and there were many questions regarding what is considered permeable, questions related to setbacks and what ordinances were in place at the time of construction of outdoor riding rings and run-in sheds and whether the riding rings are considered structures. In conclusion, the Commission took no action other than to agree that Chairman Teasdale will attend the public hearing on the application to learn about the issues.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Due to Mr. Mackie’s absence there was no update.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale had nothing new to report at this time.

Mr. Colitti noted that he would like to put trail markers in at the Hell Mountain Preserve. Mrs. Ace opined that it would be a good Eagle Scouts project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator