

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
January 9, 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 7:36 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor, Glenn Likus and Michael Schlaefel, Alt. #2.

Absent: Mary Ace, Matt Grobert and Rodney McCatharn, Alt. #1.

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 December 15, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

Those members that were newly appointed read into the record their Oaths of Office.

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.

CLAIM

- 2017 ANJEC Membership Dues - \$350 (*this includes \$300 for 7 members plus \$50 for 2 additional members. If you choose the Workshop plan please approve a claim in the amount of \$410 – you did not choose the workshop plan in 2016.*)

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the claim for \$350 to pay the ANJEC membership dues excluding the workshop plan. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mr. Mackie, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Likus, Mr. Connor, Mr. Schlaefel and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution No. 17-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Mr. Mackie made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Likus seconded the

motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
RESOLUTION NO. 17-01**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to the press and other interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Environmental Commission of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Environmental Commission for 2017 is hereby approved.
2. The Land Use Administrator is designated as the person responsible for the distribution of the following list of regular meetings and those other than regular meetings to those persons and newspapers that request same.

January 9	July 10
February 13	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 10	October 16
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11

3. The Land Use Administrator is also designated as the person responsible for posting the list of regular meetings and notice of any other meetings on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing same in the Municipal Office.
4. The Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under this Act, as it is determined that these are newspapers which would fulfill the requirements of the Act.
5. Requests for notice made by interested persons and news media shall be granted without cost.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Those in Favor: Mr. Mackie, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Likus, Mr. Connor, Mr. Schlaefer and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

MINUTES

➤ December 12, 2016

Mr. Colitti made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction on page two (2). Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Schlaefer and Mr. Likus abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated January 3, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: LUB Appl. No. 16-13, Block 15, Lot 9.21, Impervious Coverage Variance.
- b) A letter dated January 5, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: LUB Appl. No. 16-09, Block 39, Lots 1 & 28, Use and Impervious Coverage Variance.
- c) Press release from the NJ Conservation Foundation dated December 21, 2016 re: the 100 acres added to the Hill and Dale Preserve and a free public hike.
- d) Copy of the Green Acres Program Local Government Stewardship Application for 2017.

Mr. Teasdale briefed everyone on the Rothpletz preservation efforts which is the subject of item c) above.

The Commission discussed item a) above and Mr. Teasdale read into the record a brief synopsis of the application. In reviewing the application material it was discovered that the Tewksbury Land Trust owns land within 200 feet and therefore, as Secretary to the Tewksbury Land Trust, Chris Teasdale recused himself. There was a lengthy discussion about maintenance of drywells and the differences between commercial and residential responsibility. Mr. Mackie noted that the Land Use Board typically requires a deed restriction ensuring continued maintenance when drywells are installed. The Commission had the following recommendations which Mr. Mackie agreed to communicate to the Land Use Board:

1. Drywells should be installed to capture and mitigate the additional runoff.
2. The pool should be filled with water from a tanker and not with the residential well.
3. The applicant should be asked about the floor drain in the proposed pool house/garage so that no oil or gas drains into the drywell/drainage system.

The Commission discussed item b) above and Mr. Teasdale read into the record a brief synopsis of the application. The Commission reviewed the material provided and had the following comments which Mr. Mackie agreed to communicate to the Land Use Board:

1. The building may overly stress the capacity of the Oldwick Sewage system. The applicant should be required to show calculations on water usage and be encouraged to install low flow toilets, etc.
2. Leniency should be discussed if COAH units are involved/proposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Land Use Board has not yet re-organized.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts – apply for Green Acres Grant (item d above)?

Mr. Teasdale recommended passing on this grant but suggested asking Mr. Landon, Township Administrator to attend a meeting to explain what the vision is for Pascale Farm Park for future grants. Mr. Mackie suggested involving the Parks Committee in the discussions.

- 2017 RHA Annual River Clean-up – blurb for Times of Tewksbury

Mr. Colitti agreed to forward a quick blurb to Edwin for the Tewksbury Times that references the date, time and location of the Stream Clean-up.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator