

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
June 12, 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 7:30 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie and Geoffrey Connor.

Absent: Mario Colitti, Matt Grobert, Glenn Likus and Michael Schlaefer, Alt #2.

**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. There being no one in the audience, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES**

➤ April 10, 2017

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) A letter dated June 6, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: Chapin, Appl. No. 17-06, Block 42, Lot 4.
- b) A letter dated June 6, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: Quenault, Appl. No. 15-01, Block 6.04, Lot 7.03.
- c) A letter dated June 6, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: Karnick, Appl. No. 17-05, Block 17, Lot 3.
- d) A copy of the Environmental Policy Guide from the NJ League of Conservation Voters Education Fund.
- e) A letter dated May 9, 2017 from ANJEC re: appreciation of membership renewal and its benefits.
- f) A copy of a letter dated May 18, 2017 from NJDEP to James Yorke,

PSE&G re: proposed installation of equipment and gravel access driveway at existing PSE&G tower, Block 29, Lot 8.02.

The Commission reviewed item a) above and had no comment since there was no proposed disturbance and it posed no environmental issues.

The Commission reviewed item b) above and had no issue with the fence and recommended that the Land Use Board do its due diligence on the existing structures.

The Commission reviewed item c) above and had no substantive issues to bring to the Land Use Board's attention.

The Commission discussed item d) above and Ms. Ace agreed to review the policy and report back at a future meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale reported that the ponds were treated last week.

#### ➤ 2017 RHA Annual River Clean-up update

Mr. Teasdale noted that the only thing that fell short this year was getting a last minute notice in the April edition of the Times of Tewksbury. He reported Mr. Likus brought his front loader and hauled out large tires, engine parts, etc. There were also at least 15 large bags of recyclables and 15 bags of garbage taken out. Discussion ensued about whether having a garbage can in the park and ride would be helpful. Mr. Mackie suggested erecting a false camera and signage indicating that the lot is under surveillance.

#### ➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported that the Lance public hearing was rescheduled for August 2, 2017 in order to research sewer capacity. A discussion ensued regarding the Oldwick sewer capacity with Ms. Ace noting that increasing capacity could create a problem with the NJDEP as the Oldwick sewer is the only lagoon system in the State.

Mr. Mackie noted that resident George Cassa spoke recently at a Land Use Board meeting regarding an appeal of the NJPDES permit for the Bellemead site. Mr. Connor explained that Bellemead had a permit extension and the appellate division ruled that whether it's an extension or a new license, according to the Highlands Act, the NJ Highlands Council needed to be consulted before the extension or a new permit could be granted. The extension was ruled to be invalid but the appellate division remanded it to the NJDEP to consult with the Highlands. The Highlands Council was consulted and they have found it to be inconsistent with the Highlands Master Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator