

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
June 11, 2018**

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 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Bruce Mackie, Mario Colitti, Matt Grobert and Mary Ace arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Absent: Glenn Likus, Geoffrey Connor, Hope Kaufman, Alt. #1 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 25, 2018.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Teasdale opened the meeting up to the public.

Mrs. Dillon asked if there was any update on the stormwater issues to which Mr. Teasdale reported that there was no official update however he noted that he was reviewing Best Management Practices from the Federal and State EPA and that the Commission is fact finding. When asked if the Commission is trying to gain an understanding of what can be done in order to approach the Township Committee, Mr. Teasdale explained that the first step is to get all of the facts before any recommendations to the Land Use Board or Township Committee. He noted that he is hopeful that Ms. Goodchild can provide a map of township owned and controlled property. He opined that a site walk with the Land Use Board and Township Engineer would be the next step. Mrs. Dillon suggested getting copies of plans that show the storm drains. When asked if the Commission is advisory to the Land Use Board, Mr. Teasdale responded in the positive. Mr. Teasdale and Ms. Ace noted that the issue of stormwater is not an easily defined problem and it will take time. Mrs. Dillon noted that she had a meeting with Township officials approximately six (6) weeks ago and she is waiting for the second meeting that was promised.

Mrs. Dillon asked if there is a municipal woodland conservation plan to which the Commission was not aware but Mr. Teasdale noted that there is a tree ordinance and tree studies have been completed. Discussion ensued regarding recent tree cutting along Church Street and JCP&L's rights to cut within their right of ways. Mrs. Dillon

expressed concern with the driveway to the Township's Oldwick Sewer irrigation field which is also access to a newly constructed single family home. When asked about timing of the stormwater issues, Mr. Teasdale opined that the Commission will discuss it again in July and asked Mrs. Dillon to copy Ms. Goodchild on any correspondence she submits to the Commission. Mrs. Dillon noted that the NJDEP suggests that elected officials participate in stormwater management training/educational sessions and she encouraged the Commission to make that suggestion to the Township Committee.

In conclusion, Mr. Teasdale noted that the Commission would like to fact check and then present the information related to the stormwater issue to the Land Use Board so that they can ultimately make a recommendation to the Township Committee. Mrs. Dillon noted that when she presented the issue to the Land Use Board they didn't feel that it was something that was within their jurisdiction. Speaking for herself, Ms. Ace felt that the Township needs to take a long, hard look at the Oldwick village and the surrounds.

There being no additional comments or questions, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

## **MINUTES**

➤ April 9, 2018

Mr. Colitti made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Grobert abstained.

➤ May 14, 2018

Mr. Grobert made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ms. Ace and Mr. Colitti abstained.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Ace made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a) A letter dated May 17, 2018 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 17-08, Lot Line Adjustment/Site Plan, Bulk and Use Variances, Block 44, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5.
- b) A letter dated May 24, 2018 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 18-03, Impervious Coverage and Setback Variance, Block 14, Lot 32.
- c) A thank you card from Rilda Hone with information regarding a memorial service for Basil Hone.

Addressing item c) above it was noted that the Environmental Commission was invited to the memorial service for Basil Hone on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Gladstone, NJ.

The Commission discussed item b) above and Mr. Teasdale was authorized to prepare a

memo to the Land Use Board requesting trees to be planted in the rear of the property and encouraging the Land Use Board to require the applicant to capture runoff (drywell, etc.).

Mr. Grobert recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting at this time.

The Commission discussed item a) above and Mr. Teasdale was authorized to prepare a memo to the Land Use Board outlining concerns regarding sewer capacity for the proposed apartment and stormwater runoff and recommending the use of pervious pavement for the parking lot.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Board approved an application for Cellco/Verizon to install antenna on the JCP&L tower along Longview Road. He noted that Cellco/Verizon will be returning to the Board later in the summer to install antenna in the church steeple in Oldwick.

➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

No discussion.

➤ Action plan for storm and/or disease damaged Ash trees

No discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator