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Environmental Commission
Monday, August 30, 2010

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 30 2010
7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on **Monday, August 30, 2010** at the Municipal Building, 202 Sidney Rd., Pittstown. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairman Diane Burgess called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Jennifer Fisher PRESENT Douglas Schleifer PRESENT

 Bruce Studier PRESENT Bill Wild PRESENT

 Lisa Wood PRESENT Diane Burgess PRESENT

 Robert Shockley ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carry minutes for approval to September meeting.

Tree Ordinance: Lisa Wood provided the Environmental Commission with a draft copy of this ordinance which the Land Use Board is working on. This item will be an agenda item for discussion at the September 27 meeting.

Land Use Board Update: Jennifer Fisher informed the Commission that the Land Use Board is addressing a Recreation Element to the Master Plan. Lisa Wood thought that either she or Jennifer Fisher could volunteer to be on the LUB's subcommittee for this issue.

Trails Mapping: Doug Schleifer passed around aerial photos of his GPS mapping of trails in the township. Discussed putting this information on the township's website with references regarding parking, accessibility for biking/hiking/horseback riding. Jennifer Fisher will share this information with the Land Use Board. Doug will pursue getting additional trail sites from the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance for the Quakertown Preserve. He has already contacted the New Jersey Conservation Foundation for mapping the Huey Property. Diane Burgess will contact Jim Stryker, Chairman of the LUB, regarding the Environmental Commission partnering with the LUB on recreation, trail mapping, conservation easements. Doug offered to attend a LUB meeting if they are interested in a presentation.

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Water Quality Management: Jennifer Fisher reported that the Municipal Engineer made a presentation to the Land Use Board a couple of months ago but this was set aside temporarily. Jennifer will ask the status of this at the next LUB meeting. It was suggested that the Environmental Commission get any information they can to review.

Community Programs for Septic Education: It was suggested that the Environmental Commission partner with other groups in the township to provide information at community functions to disseminate septic maintenance education information. Suggestions: Snyder Research Farm, PTA, Arbor Day, Public Safety Day, Boy Scouts. Diane Burgess will reach out to the PTA and Boy Scouts.

Conservation Element of the Master Plan: This is another project the Environmental Commission thought they could partner with the LUB. Jennifer Fisher will mention this to the LUB and Diane Burgess will contact Lora Jones of the Open Space Advisory Committee to obtain a map of all preserved properties in the township. Doug reminded everyone that it is required that the Commission maintain copies of Open Space and Wetlands Maps. Some of this information may already be available in the recent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) completed.

Energy Efficient Incentives: Diane Burgess thought this should be looked into. Ursula Stryker has recently received information from *Smart Start* which she will provide to all members. Frank Bell, County Architect, recommended Franklin Township to the *Smart Start* representative.

OLD BUSINESS

Ursula Stryker updated the Commission on approximately 150 respondents to the septic maintenance registration. It was suggested the registration form be placed on the township's website in addition to sending it out in another mailing.

Evergreen Environmental: The Township Committee may be discussing this matter at an upcoming meeting. There was a recent presentation made by Evergreen to the Committee regarding restoring wetlands near the Quakertown rescue squad site.

NJPDES Stormwater Permit Program: to be discussed at September meeting.

Solar Ordinance: This ordinance is still in LUB subcommittee review. Diane Burgess will send a letter to the Land Use Board expressing the Commission's opposition to the proposed ordinance section not allowing roof mounted solar systems.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION REVIEW: None at this time.

Bill Wild will contact Mayor Jacukowicz regarding the need for a Committee liaison to the Commission.

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Bill Wild also commented on what seems to be an increased noise level of the Landsdown train whistle. He will talk to Ken Mandoli to get Conrail's phone number and representative.

Well Testing Program: Results were provided to the Commission this evening and will be an agenda item for discussion at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Moved Wild Second Studier All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, Secretary

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

**Cc: Environmental Commission
 Township Committee
 Land Use Board
 Construction Code Official
 Zoning Officer
 DPW Supervisor
 Hunterdon County Planning Board
 Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District
 South Branch Watershed Association
 ANJEC**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 7:30 P.M.**