

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting began promptly at 7:35 pm.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

“As required by the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. The notice specified the time and place of the meeting to the extent known at the time. The notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, sent to the Daily Record and placed on file in the Township Clerk’s office”

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Alex Nesterok, Larry Kornreich, Monica Mianeki, Pam Misiewicz and Sara Sotirov

Absent with excuse: Michele Caron, Angelo Intile

Absent without excuse: David Kalemba, Nicholas Agnoli

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** – Pam Misiewicz reported on the last meeting.

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE** – Alexander Nesterok reported on the last meeting

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Monica Mianeki reported the meeting was cancelled - no report

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – .Michele Caron - absent -no report

**OPEN SPACE** – Angelo Intile- absent – no report

**PLANNING BOARD** – Lawrence Kornreich reported on the last meeting

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** – Sara Sotirov reported on the High School Earth Club's activities

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Lawrence Kornreich and seconded by Monica Mianeki, the June 15th, 2016 minutes were approved as amended by voice vote

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Alex Nesterok received NJDEP requests for Interpretation of Freshwater Wetlands Boundary

Block 33-Lot 24  
M & T Bank, c/o Dourgarian Group  
100 Taylortown Road

Block 70, Lots 14 and 14.01  
George R. Schnatz  
63 and 65 Changebridge Road

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**ANJEC Grant** – Taken off the Agenda

### **Grants for Camp Dawson project and trails along the Rockaway River**

Ryan Conklin is working on it. Lawrence Kornreich has to get back to him.

Ryan feels that if the Environmental Commission goes to the Township Committee with a grand design without any kind of money associated with, they're probably unwilling to approve it.

So he suggested we go for something more modest to start and that would be to take the passive recreation piece and start with laying out the trail and some planting. Just come in with something that could be done for \$50,000 and he thinks the Township Committee would okay it on that basis.

Ryan looked at the budget and said if the lady that did the drawing of the original concept could come up with a base drawing, take the fancy stuff off. See how much she would charge and maybe it can be taken out of the budget.

Larry talked to her and she is willing to redo the drawing for \$200.00

Lawrence Kornreich moved to make a motion to approve an expenditure for an Educational Wetlands Exhibit at Camp Dawson, not to exceed \$200.00, seconded by Alex Nesterok. All in favor by voice vote.

### **Proposed Tree Ordinance**

Alex Nesterok reported the Ordinance was moved down at the last meeting and passed to the Township Planner by the Environmental Commission

Ryan Conklin wants to be sure that the proposal is in it's entirety and that we are not going to add to it again before he presents it to the Township Committee. Lawrence Kornreich will tell him not to expect any changes.

**Major Subdivision Woodlands Properties, LLC** - 5 new building lots out of one – requires waiver for 100% disturbances of steep slopes. There are several issues. Alex Nesterok passed these comments to Ryan Conklin

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Towaco Jazzfest**

Alex Nesterok asked the commissioners if they wanted to participate in the Towaco Festival. He has an application. It is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The High School Earth Club members would be willing to volunteer. to help.

Lawrence Kornreich made a motion to participate in the Towaco Jazzfest on October 1<sup>st</sup> and expend \$50.00 for registration. Pam Misiewicz seconded the motion. All in favor by voice vote.

### **Water Level Issue Discussion**

Pam Misiewicz said she was requested to speak with John Perry about the state of the aquifer and he agreed with her that right now we are not in good shape aquifer wise. He's concerned and he's going to meet with the Administrator and he was hoping to get some water restrictions. We want to be on record for having concern. John Perry needs some backing.

Alex Nesterok said I think what we should do for the moment is to publicise the fact that we're having voluntary water restriction in effect at all times. I don't want to declare an emergency at this meeting without knowing the numbers.

Lawrence Kornreich – Look at last month's report and look at the rainfall and that's the critical one. Let's get people starting to think about conserving water.

Claire Trogani, the recording secretary, will get the current water report from John Perry and email it to the commissioners.

Alex Nesterok – Let's get a copy of the current water report, look at the numbers , consult with Mr. Perry and express concern if it proves out. That should have the rainfall numbers for the aquifer area and that's what we judge it on, prime and the critical.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Lawrence Kornreich and seconded by Alex Nesterok, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire (Mickey) Trogani  
Secretary