

**GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 25, 2013**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act inasmuch as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, NJ.

**ROLL CALL:** Richard Vohden, Cindy Moyano, Larry Putera, Glenn Wershing, Michael Viersma, and Matthew Fox.

Members Present: Richard Vohden, Matthew Fox, Cindy Moyano, Michael Viersma, and Glenn Wershing. Also present was Christine Licata, Secretary, Jackie Wershing, Nick Lally, and Austin Neary. Larry Putera was excused on motion made by Michael Viersma, second by Cindy Moyano. All in favor, motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes of May 28, 2013:

Motion to approve the May 28, 2013 minutes with changes was made by Matthew Fox, second by Glenn Wershing. All in favor, motion passed except with Cindy Moyano and Michael Viersma who abstained.

**COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- C. Licata shared the Estuary News with the committee.
- C. Licata shared the ANJEC Summer Report 2013 with the committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- R. Vohden commented that there is nothing going on at the county level.
- R Vohden discussed the Highlands Counsel. He explained Green Twp was the first municipality to ask for a variance from conforming their master plan to the Regional Master Plan in the Highlands Preservation Area. The variance was allowed under a check list ordinance. The recent Highlands Counsel meetings are dealing with the use of the check list or land use ordinance. They are trying to determine if they should continue to use the check list and a decision has not been reached. R. Vohden has been appointed to a Transfer Development Rights Committee to determine whether continue the check list process.

**PLANNING BOARD/BOA BUSINESS:**

- The committee reviewed the BOA minutes from April and May and had no comments for the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Storm Drain Marker Locations- no update.
- Open Space Map and Enabling Legislation- R. Vohden informed the committee that the Morris Land Conservancy will be working on the maps.
- Conservation Easements- R. Vohden explained that Byram is going to record and Monitor Conservation Easements with the help of Eileen Swan of the NJ Conservation Foundation. They will indentify the different easements and are creating a community profile with the status of an easement and monitoring of easements. It was suggested to Byram that zoning or construction should do physical inspections of the easements. R. Vohden expressed that our Environmental Committee will not be doing this. R. Vohden shared maps of the different development in town which showed the easements on the properties. At the next meeting, the committee will pick a development and work on the maps. The committee continued to discuss easements and what a homeowner can and cannot do legally.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- M. Fox spoke with the school in regards to G. Wershing sharing information with students on the Indians that once settled in Green Twp. Mr. Nittolo will be in contact with Glenn to work logistics of the project for the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:**

- Nick Lally and Austin Neary came to the meeting to discuss the potential that power line towers may be coming through Green Township. PSE&G and PPL are in need to upgrade their system. The current system is 230 Kilovolts and the new system will be 500 Kilovolts. They shared pictures of existing towers that extend 80 feet high and the new towers will be 185 feet high. The electric company has two routes they can pursue to place the new power lines. The existing route or the route in which it will cross through Green Township paralleling the railroad track. The decision on which route to take is currently being reviewed by the Federal Judge in Washington. The decision should be made by late summer early fall. Nick will inform the committee of the outcome of the Judge's decision.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2013.**

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Fox, second by Cindy Moyano, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Licata, Secretary

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