

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
321 Greenwich Street
Stewartsville, New Jersey 08886

Meeting Date: June 17, 2003

Opening:

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Greenwich Township Environmental Commission (EC) was held on the above date, and was called to order by Barry Glassman, Chairman, at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

Commission members present: Barry Glassman, Debra Scarbrough, Teresa Eisenberg, and Meyra Davison, and Helio Carvalho

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Approval of the Minutes for March 18, 2003 meeting were approved. Motion made by Barry Glassman, and second by Debra Scarbrough. Approval of the Minutes for May 2003 were approved. Motion made by Helio Carvalho and second by Teresa Eisenberg.

Correspondence:

First Environment Inc. contacted Barry Glassman regarding Blk 31 on So. Main Street opposite Kennedy Mills. The company was inquiring as to whether there are environmental issues or violations regarding that particular block. This inquiry was made by Jackie Huggins.

Received notice of the 5th Annual Richard Dunlap Memorial Grant which is worth \$1000.00 towards environmental studies or program. Applications are due by August 15, 2003. The Township Committee has to approve the proposal which cannot be more than four pages long. All members present were in favor of the proposal be made for Community Day "Kids bags" and Merrill Creek Clean-up. Barry Glassman is to submit the proposal.

Received notification of the Riparian Buffer Reparation grant of up to \$20,000. However, it requires a 25% match from the Township which can be made in the form of in-kind services and/or materials. Teresa Eisenberg is to submit the proposal.

ERI Progress Report:

Debra Scarbrough is completing the final draft, and is to price out the cost of making the copies. In addition, she is to obtain the PDF format from the Township Engineer.

ANJEC:

Barry received "Smart Growth Survival Kit" which he will make available to the Planning Board.

June 24, 2003 is the Farmland Preservation Meeting to be held by ANJEC.

ANJEC may have \$250 to assist in making the final copies of the ERI - will require matching funds from the Township.

Planning Board Report:

Helios Carvalho reported:

COA- interviewed 4 planners, and are to decide which to hire at their next meeting. The new COA planner is to revise the Master Plan which will be up in 2004.

Polte (sp?) Builders submitted a conceptual plan to construct 290 units on the land behind Target. The proposal is for 290 units for people 50 and over, and would prohibit children younger than 19 years old. However, only 80% of the households would need to comply with the restrictions. It must, however be noted that the property in question is zoned as industrial, even though the builder was allowed to post bond.

Railroad Construction Company (RCC) has proposed the purchase of 114 acres which would be used to transport the soil removed during the building of the Weigh Station. They estimate that 800 trucks a day will be needed to remove this "excess soil". They were denied the special meeting that they had requested, and must wait for the next Planning Board Meeting.

Barry Glassman will write a letter to the Planning Board asking that a proposal be made to RCC asking that they leave the tree rows when clearing the soil. In addition, he will ask that the Board propose making Lot 102 into recreational land.

B. Glassman is to ask Mike Finnelli how much tonage is allowed over the bridge onto New Village Road.

SWAC REPORT:

Landfill - they are reaching capacity more quickly than expected, they are starting to fill remaining "air" space.

2003 PROJECTS:

Junior EC program is to commence at the beginning of the school year, and on Community Day (Sept. 20, 2003). Applications will need to be in by the end of October 2003. Teresa Eisenberg, Debra Scarbrough, and Meyra Davison are to head the program. JEC will begin by testing the creek water, and possibly cleaning River Creek Road.

Community Day - Teresa Eisenberg is to contact Frank Marchetta regarding the tables, location,

environmental "goodie bags", and etc...

Weigh Station - press releases w/ quotes from the Sierra Club, Highlands coalition, and EC are to be sent to major newspapers. There is also an investigative reporter from the Courier News doing research on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer meetings are to continue on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month.

Inquiries are to be made regarding the Warren Co. Paving Company's compliance with county ordinances.

Minutes and Agenda will be sent out to EC members one week prior to the monthly meeting.

An invitation is to be extended to Ron Fohr, the Township's Recycling Co-ordinator, asking him to attend July's meeting.

CLOSING:

Motion made by Barry Glassman and second by Meyra Davison to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Meyra Davison
Environmental Commission Secretary

Barry Glassman
Chairman