

EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2 Jake Garzio Drive

Ewing, NJ 08628

February 15, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER-OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

A meeting of the Ewing Township Environmental Commission (EEC) was held on the evening of Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the Ewing Township Municipal complex.

Chair Lee Farnham called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

He began by reading the following statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. The Ewing Township Council properly gave notice of this meeting in the resolution of January 4, 2010 which was filed with the Clerk and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, and then appeared in the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, on January 12, 2011.

II. ROLL CALL: Lee Farnham, Chariman

PRESENT: Peter Boughton
Van Cotter
Ann Farnham
Lee Farnham
John Hoegl
Joe Mirabella
Hal Moeller
Jo Ann Povia
Arti Sahni

GUEST: Dan Steinberg, PhD, Director of Education and Outreach, PCCM/PRISM/USAAfrica

III. MINUTES: Minutes of the 1/18/11 meeting were approved.

IV. STATEMENTS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

V. CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION: Dr. Dan Steinberg a representative of The Climate Project, in a follow-up visit to his 2009 presentation, gave a presentation on the latest developments in climate change and global warming, and also how the issues are being presented to the public, and in the educational system. Before and after his a/v presentation there was an extensive q/a session.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Planning Board and Site Review-Hal Moeller

1. Hal Moeller distributed Site Review notes and updated the EEC as to the status of various Planning Board applications.

B. The Ewing Green Team-John Hoegl

1. There was a discussion on the project for using Fire Department fire detection equipment to assist homeowners in insulating their homes; John to pass on project to Joe Mirabella.
2. The Rutgers Cooperative extension and the Watershed Ambassador will conduct two rain barrel workshops in April and May. One workshop will be specifically for Ewing Township and the other will serve a wider audience.
3. Ann Farnham gave an Invasive (water chestnut) update.
4. Ewing Mayor Steinmann will be encouraged to join the Green Team and attend Green Team meetings. The next meeting is on February 23, at 7:00 pm at the Ewing Senior Center.
5. Jacobs Creek Bridge-Lee Farnham reported that the Victory Trail Organization is seeking donations to support an application to the state for designating the Jacobs Creek Bridge area as a historical site.
6. Trolley Trail- Pete Boughton updated the EEC on plans to continue trail cleanups.
7. Arti Sahni led a discussion on the launching of the education subcommittee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was a discussion on who was going to which March ANJEC training dates. Joe and Arti indicated that they would be attending.
- B. Lee Farnham discussed the 2010 Annual progress report. EEC member monthly hours contribution report will be passed around for completion monthly basis at future meetings.
- C. Secretary position: Joe did a shitty job for Feb., Ann has volunteered for March and Vann for April.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No one volunteered to lead the Arbor Day events.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE. None that I can remember.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Lee Farnham, Chair

Joe Mirabella, Secretary of the Month

These minutes approved on _____