



Alexandria Township Environmental Commission Minutes of September 27, 2001 Meeting

Present:

Carol Hoffmann, Chair; Jay Arancio; Ken Skillender; Dave Scarinci; Dave Disney, Acting Secretary; Karen Inzillo

Absent:

Barbara Daniello, Secretary, Michelle Garay, Liaison to Planning Board

Also present: Mayor, Harry Furstenberger and Township resident, Susan Blubaugh.

Meeting Called to order at 7:34 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes:

Review of the EC minutes for June 2011 were introduced. David Disney made a motion that indicated corrections and changes were needed and distributed to the group for review. David Disney made a motion for the corrected minutes to be approved, Dave Scarinci seconded the motion. Vote taken by committee and all approved. Jay Arancio abstained.

Correspondence:

ANJEC, Brochure, Open Space and Storm Water Management,
Greenway Land Trust.

Reports:

Planning Board:

In absence of Michelle, Mayor, Harry Furstenberger updated the EC on the Planning Board meeting:

- Re-examination of the plan for new solar ordinances.
- Re-examination of township master plan will be needed.
- Discussion to change the current building lot size from the current 6 acre minimum to 10 acre minimum, which will cut back on COAH requirement.
- Township is also sending out RFPs for all professionals for the township. Past billing practices of the current professionals were reviewed and questioned.

Highlands Report:

David Disney- Highland Report provided to the committee, no new developments concerning Alexandria Township were noted.

Old Business:

EC Website: Discussed by Jay Arancio. Decision by the commission was to spend the \$100 for the year hosting and Jay and Dave D. will follow-up at a later date and will plan on updating the website for the 2012 year. Motion to approve the spending of the money to renew the web site hosting made by Ken seconded by Karen . All present voted to approve.

The Township Schools are on board for accepting the two (2) rain gauges to be purchased by the EC and to be installed and monitored by the lower grades.

Organic Pesticide use for the Lawn Treatment at Del-Val was discussed. Dave S and Carol will try to meet with Principal in the late fall or early winter to discuss the benefits of organic pesticide use for the grounds and playing field turf. Dave S. talked about a New Jersey Law pending, "The Safe Playing Field Act." This might become law. Dave S. will check and address this concern with the township schools. Harry said township Park is currently using organic fertilizers but continues to use pesticides. Jay spoke about working with Rutgers Snyders farm in the past for organic weed control. Possibility Rutgers to have information and/or assist with the organic pesticide applications for the school district Dave S. said they were geared towards farmers. Carol H. to contact and follow-up with Rutgers and/or Del Val

Harry indicated the commission should contact Jimmy Cronce, Head Custodian at Alexandria School District to find out what elementary schools are doing. Discussion of possible grant Money might be available for the

organic pesticides for the schools. Karen I. will follow up and investigate if any possible grants available to offset the funding expense for the district schools.
Dave S to get names for some consultants as well.

Road maintenance:

Township resident Susan Blubaugh 35 Little York- Mt Pleasant Rd discussed storm damage to her property and house. The resident indicated that she had a conversation with Kathleen Lear, of State Police, who indicated to her in a phone conversation that Alexandria Township does not have and must adopt an "All Hazards Plan" to assist her in obtaining grant money from FEMA.

The resident's Insurance company was contacted and a claim as made for flood damage. In addition, FEMA was also contacted by the resident and paperwork was completed for disaster relief.

The resident provided the "All Hazards Plan" Information to Harry with the individual contact information. The Mayor indicated that he will follow up and contact the resident once he investigated the situation further.

Carol announced on October 12 2011 there will be a showing of the movie called "Gas Land" at the Hunterdon Medical Center Auditorium.

Carol also announced that she is voluntarily stepping down as the Environmental Commission Chair. She will remain on the commission as a member but a new Chair Person will be appointed by the Township Committee at the next Township Meeting on October 12.

Ken initiated a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karen seconded. All approved.

Meeting concluded at 8:43 PM