



**COLTS NECK
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Meeting Minutes April 4, 2011

Members

Present – David Kostka, Liaison Michael Fitzgerald, Sashe Annete, Jennifer Barbieri, Vincent Domidion, Thomas Hennessey and John Vig

Absent – Mary Massey (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Kostka who read the following statement. “In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, public notice of this meeting has been provided by publication of an annual notice in the Asbury Park Press and posting of this notice on the bulletin board at Town Hall.”

On a motion by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Mr. Kostka, the minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting were approved. On a motion by Mrs. Barbieri and seconded by Mr. Domidion, the minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting were approved.

PLANNING BOARD

Red Fox (Overbrook Estates), Block 50, Lots 4 & 5, Hockhockson Road, has now filed a request with the N.J.D.E.P. for a Letter of Interpretation. The Planning Board agreed with the Commission that inadequate information had been submitted on which to base a decision. A current concern is the existing garage being only 3 feet from the road. Mr. Kostka declared that the new owner intends to pay for the prior wetlands violations.

Ignazio Giuffre, PB695A, Block 5, Lot 2.30, 17 Squansong Lane, has applied for a waiver from a previous Planning Board approval that was based on a decreased amount of impervious lot coverage, where 15% is permitted, and 20% existing. Applicant now requests approval to use grass pavers as a substitute for decreasing the amount of impervious coverage. The topic of grass pavers has previously been studied by the Commissioners, and they have been found to be appropriate only for temporary use. Under regular vehicular use, the void spaces become compacted, and act essentially as impervious coverage. Mr. Domidion noted that the Freehold Soil Commission believes that grass pavers only work as a temporary measure. A motion by Mr. Domidion, seconded by Mr. Vig, was passed to oppose the waiver.

Heng Chin, P.E. of The Monmouth County Park System has submitted for review a proposal for a golf cart washing station at Hominy Hill Golf Course. Mr. Domidion questioned where the water will be disposed of. Mr. Kostka believes it will be recycled.

Dr. Iorio, Block 8, Lot 5, 200 Route 34, has applied for approval to add parking spaces on the side and in the rear of the medical office building, bringing total impervious coverage to 16%, where 20% is allowed. There is an existing deficient front yard setback. There was a question of a possible additional structure.

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LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that, in an effort to deal with encroachments caused by contractor error, and failure of contractors to comply with development regulations, the Township Committee has decided to ban non-compliant contractors from doing business in the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vig reported that he is donating a third Purple Martin house, to be installed at Bucks Mill Park, but that maintenance funds have been eliminated from this year's Township budget. He stated that the birds fly up from the Amazon, lay eggs in May, raise chicks through the end of July, and are gone by August. Ms. Annete and Mrs. Barbieri volunteered to clean the houses twice a week and evict any sparrows that might take up residence.

Discussion occurred regarding geese, and the email that Mr. Hennessy had distributed prior to the meeting (copy attached to permanent hard copy of minutes).

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Barbieri reported that she attended the County Shade Tree Commission Spring Forum. The topic of rain gardens was introduced, and she learned that grants are available for them. Mr. Domidion mentioned that there are rain gardens behind the County Agricultural Building, and at Brookdale Community College. Mrs. Barbieri will research the subject and report back.

Mr. Hennessy announced the Fourth Annual Town Clean-up will be held during the week of Earth Day, which is on April 22. All Township-owned properties are included, and the Commission traditionally cleans up around Town Hall. It was decided to hold this on Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30 PM. Commissioners should bring gloves and wear boots.

CORRESPONDENCE

Green Heritage (Monmouth County Park System)

ARC News

On a motion by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Domidion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm –May 2, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

