



**COLTS NECK
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

**Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012**

Members

Present – David Kostka, Sashe Annete, Jennifer Barbieri, Vincent Domidion and Associate Member John Vig

Absent – Liaison Michael Fitzgerald, Rick Ecklord, Mary Massey, Thomas Hennessey (all 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.”

Mr. Kostka congratulated Mr. Vig on being appointed to the Monmouth County Environmental Council.

On a motion by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Ms. Annete, the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

PLANNING BOARD

Application for Sebolt, PB694A, Block 7.30, Lot 6, 7 Windsor Drive, has returned. Mr. Kostka identified two issues:

1. Applicant wishes to remove from the conservation easement both the area of the driveway and utilities, plus approximately 225-250 feet behind the house, in order to install a swimming pool in the latter area.
2. Under a prior subdivision, the applicant retained the right to use a portion of the easement for agriculture. However, the applicant has removed all vegetation from a portion of the easement where usage was restricted. Applicant claims that the removed vegetation was nursery stock. Mr. Bowden has stated that this was not a violation.

The entire area in question is 1.78 acres. The driveway and utilities are located on 1.14 acres, and the area for proposed swimming pool is 0.64 acre. The disturbed area is 2.24 acres. Upon review of the plans, it was decided to recommend that applicant be allowed to remove the 1.14 acres of driveway and utilities from the easement, on the two conditions that 1.14 acres be mitigated one-for-one with native species approved by the Colts Neck Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission, and that the 2.24 disturbed acres be restored. Removal of the area behind the house was not recommended, as there is sufficient space elsewhere for a swimming pool.

Gana, PB702, Block 5, Lot 13, 14 Eagle Nest Road, has submitted an application for addition of a tennis court and basketball court, both unlighted. No variances are necessary. Impervious coverage is within allowable standards. There appear to be no environmental problems.

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Orchards Shopping Center, PB703, Block 46, Lots 13 & 14, 340 State Route 34, has submitted an application for expansion of the parking lot, and retention of both spaces installed without permission, as well as spaces that were installed in landscape islands. The applicant has offered to remove two spaces that were installed in a conservation easement. The applicant's proposal totals 189 parking spaces, where 206 are required. Upon review, it is recommended that applicant remove the spaces within the easement, and also restore the landscape islands.

LIAISON REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kostka reported that he has been studying the matter of code enforcement of easements. He spoke with the Darien, CT Township Planner, as suggested by Mr. Ecklord. He stated that searching tax maps and deeds won't work for Colts Neck, and GIS maps do not have metes and bounds. The matter will be addressed again when Mrs. Massey returns.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

On a motion by Ms. Annete, seconded by Mr. Domidion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm –June 4, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

