

**Woodstown Pilesgrove Joint Environmental Commission**  
**Pilesgrove Township Municipal Building**  
**March 12, 2009 Minutes**

**Present:** Andrew Grosik, Bob Howell, Jean Jack, Ervin Parker, Richard Pfeffer, Francis Rapa, Phyllis Sauler, Bill Stoms, Jr,

**Absent:** Paul Langley, John Ronafalvy, Rob Waddington

Chairperson Phyllis Sauler called the meeting to order, stating that adequate notice of the meeting was provided by notifying Today's Sunbeam and posting in Woodstown Borough Hall and Pilesgrove Township Municipal Building.

**Minutes** of February 12 were approved on a motion by Ervin Parker/Bill Stoms.

**Correspondence**

An email from Nancy Merritt asked for input on the plans of Atlantic City Electric Company to erect steel poles for transmission lines through Daretown into Pilesgrove. The Friends of Parvin State Park will host a round table discussion for "Friends" groups that support state parks on Saturday, March 21.

A "Green Building" workshop will be held in Morristown on Monday, March 30.

Lauren Gardiner and John Huang requested a donation for their Scout Eagle and Gold badge work on the "Splash" project. Erv Parker will send a personal donation.

Ingerman Group sent information about their wetlands application for the Woodstown part of the COAH housing. Bob Howell and Fran Rapa will look at the site.

**Subcommittee Reports**

Site Plan Review Committee

The Ott application, Block 19.Lot 1.03, was denied preliminary approval by the Pilesgrove Planning Board. The EIS was not complete.

An adjoining property, the Koehler property on Layton Road, Block19, Lot 2.01, which backs up to the Ott property, has a vernal pool, as does an adjoining lot, Lot 2.02.

The JEC will send a letter requesting the Planning Board to require Ott to request a full Letter of Interpretation from the DEP.

The JEC may revise the EIS to require a 300 foot buffer for projects in the Oldmans Creek area.

**Old Business**

Stephanie Foley, no longer a Woodstown resident, can not be on the Commission.

Electronics Recycling-Bill Stoms and Rick Pfeffer will ask both municipalities to fund a Recycle Day on May 16 using Clean Communities funds. JEC will prepare a press release about the day.

Reusable Bags-The shopping bags will be distributed through The Disciples' Pantry.

Significant Tree Search - Information will be distributed on the JEC website, articles to the Sunbeam, flyers through the schools, churches and other community groups.

ANJEC Commissioners' Course-Fran Rapa and Andy Grosik will come at 5:00pm to help set up for the course next Monday, March 16.

ANJEC Grant-John Thonet could develop a Threatened and Endangered Species survey for Woodstown and Pilesgrove to use in land use planning. Fran Rapa reviewed methods Blaine Rothausser would use to conduct a survey and possible costs of the work. Such a survey can establish the existence of specific species in the municipalities that can be used by the Planning Boards in approving development plans. Fran suggested developing a grant application including letters asking the governing bodies to pass supporting resolutions.

Fran Rapa/Bill Stoms motioned to submit an application for an ANJEC grant, and requesting supporting resolutions from the Borough and Township. Motion passed.

The JEC can also apply for a Conserve Wildlife matching funds grant.

The JEC will provide a letter of support and any other work needed to complete the grant process.

The JEC should also ask John Thonet to consider an alternative billing process.

Eagle Nest-Bob Howell reported the eagles may be incubating eggs now.

### **New Business**

Bill Stoms/Fran Rapa motioned that the JEC recommend transmittal of Mr. Thonet's proposal to the Planning Boards, and state that the JEC requested Mr. Thonet to prepare this proposal. Motion passed.

Earth Day will be celebrated at Camp Crocket. Discussion of participation was tabled.

Rick Pfeffer is looking for a replacement for the vacant Woodstown seat on the Commission.

### **Announcements/Other**

The Alloway Environmental Commission is sponsoring a New Jersey Endangered Species workshop on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm.

A development application has come in to Pilesgrove for a farm storage building at 1088 Rt 45, Block 13, Lot 11.

Sharptown Church has submitted an application for a 1600 square-foot youth building on Block 53, Lot 7.

John Carpenter has applied for a minor subdivision on Woodstown-Harrisonville Road, Block 39, Lot 12.

The next meeting of the Ag Advisory Board will be Wednesday, March 25.

Fran Rapa reported that the Woodstown Planning Board granted preliminary approval to Project Freedom for the development on Bailey Street and Woodstown-Alloway Road.

Fran also reported the Woodstown Board granted preliminary and final approval for the LaVita site plan by Memorial Hospital of Salem County.

The County Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2009

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Jean Hepner Jack, Secretary

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm at Woodstown Borough Hall.