

**Woodstown Pilesgrove Joint Environmental Commission
Pilesgrove Township Municipal building
July 9, 2009 Minutes**

Present: Andrew Grosik, Jean Jack, Paul Langley, Ervin Parker, Richard Pfeffer, Francis Rapa, John Ronafalvy, Phyllis Sauler, Bill Stoms, Jr,

Absent: Bob Howell, 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 the June 11 meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Stoms/Rick Pfeffer. John Ronafalvy and Paul Langley abstained

Correspondence

SADC-Susan Craft notified that the Pilesgrove Planning Incentive Grant was approved. A Mayors' Fax discussed Open Space Set Asides guidelines.

A copy of a letter to Cheryl Reardon regarding Plumstead Township's Conservation Design Ordinance.

Two articles sent by John Hoffman, Pilesgrove Planning Board Solicitor, regarding 1) Zoning laws and Master Plans, and 2) towns can't link development permits to open space conservation.

Subcommittee/Project Reports

COAH-Ingerman presented modifications to their site plan to fit into the reduced area available in Woodstown due to buffer zone requirements.

Project Freedom received final approval from the Woodstown Planning Board for construction at the July meeting.

Metro PCS of Pennsylvania was granted use variances in Pilesgrove to locate six antennas.

Steven Foster variances were approved for storage and parking.

ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Project-Fran Rapa reviewed steps taken in finalizing the grant. JEC members should now look for science-minded people interested in helping in the project work. These people do not have to live in the Borough or Township.

Electronic Recycling-There was excellent response to the event. The JEC could also promote the electronic recycling available at the County Landfill and Pilesgrove Convenience Center.

Route 40 and Pointers-Auburn Road-a General Development Plan by Banisch Associates, Inc. for a light industrial center at Block 45, Lots 1 and 7 will be presented to the Pilesgrove Planning Board next Wednesday.

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey Workshop-Andy Grosik discussed the information presented at the workshop. For more information, go to the website, www.sustainableJersey.com. Paul Langley will scan the program brochure and email it to members.

Solar Energy Ordinance- the Pilesgrove Planning Board recommended changes to the ordinance at the June 17 meeting. This ordinance applies to residential uses.

Woodstown Commission Member-no new member has been named.

Also, meeting non-attendance of current member was discussed.

New Business

Atlantic City Electric poles in Upper Pittsgrove Township were discussed. They may be part of ACE's attempt to stabilize the grid for delivery of electricity. Chairperson Sauler will invite Jennifer Coombs of Upper Pittsgrove to the August 13 meeting.

Light Pollution Ordinance (Pilesgrove)-the ordinance has been sent to Pilesgrove's planner for his review and advisement to the Board.

Announcements/Other

Open Discussion-a quick perusal of the plans for the Agricultural Industrial Development on US Route 40/Pointers-Auburn Road reveals significant problems with the plan as presented. Fran Rapa will review the plan for the JEC prior to the Pilesgrove Planning Board meeting next Wednesday.

Bond Issue-Bill Stoms reported the \$400,000,000 Open Space Bond Issue will be on the November ballot. He will have information available at the Save Our Land booth at the County Fair.

New Jersey Natural Heritage Program-Fran Rapa reported that New Jersey has deleted two natural habitat sites in Pilesgrove Township, Nichomus Run and the Sharptown Grassland complex, from the Critical Habitat sites.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Secretary Jean Hepner Jack

The next meeting will be on August 13th, 7:00pm, at Woodstown Borough Hall.