

Woodstown Pilesgrove Joint Environmental Commission
Woodstown Borough Hall
June 11, 2009 Minutes

Present: Andrew Grosik, Bob Howell, Jean Jack, Richard Pfeffer,
Francis Rapa, Phyllis Sauler, Bill Stoms, Jr.
Absent: Paul Langley, Ervin Parker, John Ronafalvy, Rob Waddington
Others: Brittany Coleman, Jack Hathaway, Trudi Hathaway, Marie Hogan,
Charles Hurff, Charlotte Lippincott, Barbara Miller, Estelle Sherman,
James Sherman

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.

The first order of business was the presentation of awards to residents who nominated trees in the Significant Tree Search conducted by the JEC, the Woman's Club of Woodstown and the Woodstown High School Environmental Club.

Chairperson Phyllis Sauler presented the awards for "Widest Tree" to Charlotte Lippincott, for her Willow Oak, (*Quercus pbellos* L.) at 212 inches circumference, and "Tallest Tree" for her Sycamore, (*Platanus Occidentalis* L.) at 146 feet. Both trees are on her farm.

Brittany Coleman, of the high school Environmental Club, presented a "Most Unusual Tree" award to her grandmother, Marie Hogan, for the Deodar Cedar in her front yard.

Barbara Miller, of the Woman's Club, presented a "Most Unusual Tree" award to Estelle Sherman for the Sycamore (*Platanus Occidentalis*) in the back yard of a friend, Jack Hathaway.

Secretary Jean Jack presented the "Most Symmetric Tree" award to Jack Hathaway, who nominated the White Oak (*Quercus Alba*) next to the Friends Meetinghouse parking lot.

Pictures of the nominators and their trees will be featured on the JEC website.

Minutes of May 14 were approved on a motion by Richard Pfeffer/Bill Stoms.

Correspondence

Mayors Fax Advisory re: proposed amendments to the Vegetation Management Rules
Mayors Fax Advisory re Assembly bill 3062, re: alternate sources of energy
Memo from the State Agriculture Development Committee regarding Equine Farm Eligibility for Farmland Preservation.
Project Freedom Sewer Application

Project Reports

COAH-Ingerman received tax credits so can now proceed with plans. The Pilesgrove Planning Board may give Final Approval for the Pilesgrove section next week.

In Woodstown, an increase of the buffer zone to 300 feet presents some hurdles for Ingerman. They will ask for a waiver.

Metro PCS of PA-This company is requesting a Use Variance and Site Approval for Block 29, Lot 17 in Pilesgrove for a communications tower. Bob Howell will review the plan.

Woodstown Water Tower-The tower needs maintenance. Negotiations are in progress with a company to do lead abatement and pursue a maintenance plan.

Stephen L Foster-A variance is requested for Block 13, Lot 13.01 for use as storage for landscape materials and equipment parking.

Woodstown-Pilesgrove Project-Fran Rapa discussed the ANJEC grant (\$6,000.00) and the Critical Wildlife Study to be conducted with the Conserving Wildlife Grant (\$3,500.00) awarded to the South Jersey Land and Water Trust. Pilesgrove will pay 2/3s, and Woodstown 1/3 of the remaining \$5,000.00 needed.

This study will meet state plan needs and wildlife habitat needs and serve as a model for other communities. We need to identify community members, "citizen scientists", to work on this project and learn through the process.

Fran reviewed the consultant's requirements for the project.

Davis Farm- The farm may be developed as a housing project.

Old Business

Electronic Recycling-Recycling will be on Saturday, June 13 at the Pilesgrove Municipal Building from 8:00am to noon. JEC members will be present for the entire time.

8:00-9:00	Bill Stoms
9:00-10:00	Andy Grosik
10:00-11:00	Phyllis Sauler
11:00-12:00	Jean Jack

Sustainable Jersey Workshop-Andy Grosik reported on his attendance at the workshop, which promoted developing green resources in new construction.

Visit Sustainable Jersey.com website for more information.

New Business

Pilesgrove will adopt a solar energy ordinance at the June 17 meeting.

Cloverdale Dairy Farm has applied to draw 41,000,000 gallons a month from the Mount Laurel-Wenonah aquifer, using a newly-dug farm pond.

Other

The \$600,000,000 bond issue for Open Space and Farmland Preservation was discussed briefly. No position was reached.

The Salem County Open Space Advisory Committee will hold a work session on applications on Wednesday, June 24, 6:00-8:00pm.

The Light Pollution Ordinance developed by the JEC was adopted by Woodstown Borough in 2006. Pilesgrove has shown interest in the ordinance. Upper Deerfield has adopted the ordinance. ANJEC is distributing it as a model for other communities.

The Salem County Ag Development Board is reviewing the Installment Purchase Agreement for use in future preservation in the county.

Woodstown Alternate seat-Rick will look into local ordinance to see if a student could be a member/alternate to the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Jean Jack, Secretary

The next meeting will be July 9 at 7:00pm at the Pilesgrove Township Municipal Building.