

**Woodstown Pilesgrove Joint Environmental Commission
Pilesgrove Township Municipal Building
November 12, 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: Shane Godshall

Chairperson Phyllis Sauler called the meeting to order at 7:02, 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 October 8 were approved on a motion by Richard Pfeffer/Bill Stoms.

Correspondence

ANJEC sent notice of a dinner meeting and networking event at The Rushes on December 7. Each member attending should make his/her own reservation.

The DEP provided a brochure on the Community Forestry Program.

South Jersey Land and Water Trust sent notice of a Vernal Pool Training seminar on Saturday, March 27 at Pilesgrove Municipal Building.

Woodstown Borough Council reviewed the Riparian Buffer Ordinance at their recent meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Lincoln Road developer has requested a letter from DEP stating presence/absence of wetlands on the property.

John Carpenter is planning a minor subdivision on Eldridges' Hill and Whig Lane Roads. The Ott property received preliminary approval. The applicant must submit a DEP letter regarding the presence/absence of wetlands or endangered species habitat on the property.

The Environmental Impact Statement was received from Pierson for the office building expansion at his facility, Block 11, Lot 3.01 in Pilesgrove, on Woodstown-Swedesboro Road. A Use Variance will be requested at the Wednesday, November 18 meeting of the Pilesgrove Planning Board. This is separate from a previous application to erect a pole barn.

In Pilesgrove, PANDA Solar received preliminary approval for a solar farm on Avis Mill Road in Yorketown. At the November 18 Pilesgrove Planning Board meeting they will seek a Use Variance, and then later submit a major site plan. Phyllis Sauler will ask ANJEC for research on solar farms

Delaware Memorial Industrial Park will request a Use Variance and Major Site Plan approval at the November 18 Pilesgrove Planning Board meeting. The JEC is concerned about existent wetlands and endangered species habitats on the property. The applicant has not requested a LOI for this property. An adjacent property is rife with wetlands and species habitats.

High Point Estates-The County Planning Board re-reviewed the application for subdivision approval, and established requirements to be met.

Suggestion: Invite PANDA Solar to make a presentation to the JEC. Invite the adjacent property owners to the meeting. Phyllis Sauler will contact a representative to arrange a presentation.

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey - Randy Solomon, Director of Sustainable Jersey, will speak at a future meeting. The Pilesgrove Township Committee and the Woodstown Borough Council will be invited to the meeting.

Smart Growth/Habitat Project- Financing is now settled. Woodstown and Pilesgrove have signed the contract. Consultant payments need to be determined. Fran Rapa will schedule a kick-off meeting and start filing the required reports.

South Jersey Land and Water Trust has been doing stream assessments, and will hold Vernal Pool training in March as part of the project.

Professional Consultants – No recommendation has been made yet.

Woodstown Alternate – Shane Godshall of Triad Associates attended the meeting. He is willing to serve as Alternate. Mayor Pfeffer will introduce his nomination to the Borough Council at the November 24th meeting.

Annual Report – The Annual Report has been prepared by Ervin Parker.

Jill Road Eagles – The pair is in the area and continues to forage and clean the nest.

New Business

The Pilesgrove Planning Board secretary asked if the JEC recommends any changes to the application packet. The JEC recommends that the updated EIS from May, 2008 be included in the application packet.

Announcements/Other

Discussion – What is the status of the dam on East Lake Road?

There will not be November meetings of the County Ag Development Board and the County Open Space Advisory Board. Both boards will meet on Wednesday, December 9: The Open Space Advisory Board at 6:00pm and the Ag Development Board at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Jean Hepner Jack, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 10 at Woodstown Borough Hall.