

**GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act inasmuch as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, NJ.

**ROLL CALL:** Michael Viersma, Cindy Moyano, Dennis Walker, Matthew Fox, Richie Vohden, and Jeff Wilson.

Members Present: M. Fox, C. Moyano, D. Walker and J. Wilson. Also present was C. Licata, Secretary and Mr. Moyano. Members absent: M. Viersma, R. Vohden.

**REORGANIZATION:**

- Resolution 2016-16 reappoints M. Fox, Chairman, 1 Year term expiring December 31, 2016, M. Viersma, 3 year term expiring December 31, 2018, D. Walker, Alternate 1, 2 year term, expiring December 31, 2017.
- The Oaths of Office were administered to M. Fox and D. Walker.
- Motion to appoint M. Viersma as Vice-Chair was made by C. Moyano, second by J. Wilson. All in favor, motion passed.
- The meeting dates for 2016 were approved with a motion made by D. Walker, second by C. Moyano, all in favor, motion passed. Following are meeting dates for the year.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2016 MEETING DATES**

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| • Monday, January 25    | Monday, February 22 |
| • Tuesday, March 22     | Tuesday, April 26   |
| • Tuesday, May 24       | Tuesday, June 28    |
| • Tuesday, July 26      | Tuesday, August 23  |
| • Tuesday, September 27 | Tuesday, October 25 |
| • Tuesday, November 22  | Friday, December 27 |
| • January 24, 2017      |                     |

**MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes of October 27, 2015:

Motion to approve the October 27th minutes was made by J. Wilson, second by C. Moyano. All in favor, motion passed.

**COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- C. Licata distributed the latest phone directory to the committee
- The Committee read and discussed the letter from DIG Engineering. The letter was to notify the committee that DIG Engineering will be submitting an application for alterations of the septic systems at the Great Divide Campground, 118 Phillips Road, Block 22, Lot 17 & 14.01. The Committee has no comments at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****LAND USE BOARD BUSINESS:**

- J. Wilson gave an update on the Land Use Board. The Land Use Board held their reorganization meeting on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. S. Holzhauer was appointed Chairman and M. Viersma was appointed Vice Chairman. The Board Attorney is Lyn. Aaroe Esq., The Board Engineer is John Miller, Suburban Engineering and the Board Planner is J. Caldwell. There are currently no new applications before the board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Conservation Easements- The committee will bring ideas to the next meeting on how to educate the residents about conservation easements. C. Licata will locate and bring the colored map showing the conservation easements in town to the next meeting.
- Macro-Invertebrate project- M. Fox will bring more information regarding this project to the next meeting.
- Invasive Species project- J. Wilson will work on an article for the Spring Grapevine. M. Fox was asked to serve on the NJ Envirothon which is a Natural Resources problem Solving Competition for High School students as a judge. This program is run through the Department of Agriculture. The topic this year is Invasive species.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

- M. Fox explained some of the other projects the Department of Agriculture ran which are now being implemented at Green Hills School. The Farm to school program was established so the school districts are required to provide fresh fruits and vegetables from farms within 20 miles and they must also construct a school garden. The other program is Trout in the Classroom program where the NJDEP Wildlife Division of Fish and Wildlife provide trout fingerlings produced from the Pequest Hatchery on an annual basis and the students raise the fish for a year and then release them into specific trout productive waters that meet the year round habitat requirements.
- The Committee read and reviewed the minutes of October and November from the Sussex County Agriculture Development Board. J. Wilson commented that there was nothing in the minutes pertaining to Green Township. The committee has no comments at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Moyano commented that it would be a good idea to get the program Fish in the classroom and Farm to school projects that were implemented in the Elementary school to the high school and Community College level. This would help people recognize sustainability and would be good for the local businesses.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016 at 8:00pm.**

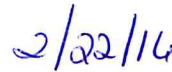
**ADJOURN:**

At 9:15pm a motion to adjourn was made by D. Walker second by C. Moyano, all in favor, motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Licata, Secretary



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Date