

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 6, 2005

Chairman Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Members present were: Wendy Dabney, Jack O'Neil, Jennifer Greenwood, Carol Wagner, Joe Pineiro, and Elaine Winshell. Todd Newman, Mary Burdick, Gina Bernstein, Marty Etler, and Peter Kortright were absent.

Guests included Maureen Moriarity and Amy Kuperinsky, staff reporter with "The Shopper News."

CORRESPONDENCE = None

The acceptance of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting following receipt of Todd Newman's notes.

REPORTS =

HEALTH DEPT: Carol Wagner submitted a copy of her June report to the members. Discussion followed regarding the backflow prevention device tests indicating that they held tight. The Joel Tanis & Sons site is in compliance with Bureau of Water Compliance requirements. It was noted that Joel Tanis & Sons request for a permit for three monitoring wells was approved. The case manager for the Board of Education site is Bob Steinlager. Carol also submitted a report from Ron Lotterman. Fair Lawn has received an award from the NJ Clean Communities Council for the Litter Marshal program. NJ DEP released the draft for the new State Solid Waste Plan. A tax of \$3.00 per ton of garbage going through the state was proposed. The Recycling Division continues to mark storm drains with "drains to stream" markers. A drain marking event was held on May 21st. Studying feasibility of a carpet recycling program with curbside pick up. Garbage cans for Memorial Middle School's nature walk and field area have been purchased. Assistance rendered to helping Lyncrest School with their outdoor classroom and pond area. He has posted the May minutes on the web site, and he is looking forward to the commission's participation in future clean up programs. Dues for FLEC membership in the Association of New Jersey Environmental commission (ANJEC) were approved by Borough Manager Joanne Kwasniewski.

NAUGLE PROPERTY – ZONING BOARD: Wendy Dabney participated in a “walk through” of the Naugle house with the builder. A list of items to be accomplished was given to the builder. There will be a Naugle House meeting tomorrow night. 900 trees are to be replaced, but they can be located off-sight. Waiting for Walter Neal to present a list of names and places where the trees are to be planted. The zoning board and the planning board should be made to comply with the tree planting requirements. Borough Manager Joanne Kwasniewski advised that the newly revised community forestry plan is somewhere at the state level. As a result of publicity, 137 residents have requested trees.

PLANNING BOARD: Peter Kortright submitted a report that the Radburn Plaza Building is being upgraded. The Dunkin Doughnuts site is coming before the planning board. Tree planting will be discussed at the planning board with Garden Committee Chairman Jane Spindel.

OLD BUSINESS =

RIVER WALK = Gina Bernstein submitted a report to Wendy advising that the extension of the Memorial Middle School river walk is being viewed more favorably. She spoke with Bob de Vita regarding the extension. Department of Parks and Recreation Director George Frey seems to be in favor. The Passaic Valley Commission will participate in the clean up. It was suggested that a presentation be made to the borough council. Jack O’Neil suggested that the Memorial School Environmental and Science Club, under the guidance of faculty advisors Peter Arts and Craig Cohen, be included in making the presentation. He cited their enthusiasm for the extension project.

NEW BUSINESS

RIPARIAN REVIEW GROUP examined the Diamond Brook by Walsh Pool. The report is to be signed off by the town.

THE BIKE PATH PROPOSAL is still pending Officer Tim Franco’s review.

DALY FIELD and its potential appeal to a larger number of residents was discussed, and an observation was made that it could be used for recreation activities other than baseball or softball since there are other areas being used for these activities. It could also be used for a proposed dog run. The use of borough facilities by non-residents was also discussed.

MAUREEN MORIARITY, a Plaza Road resident concerned with the Topps' Cleaners property, stated that testing has been done on five homes (another home is due to be tested next week since the owners are away). No results have been received yet. DEP is to review the results, and then the State board of Health and DEP are to meet. An on-site "walk through" is scheduled for July 15th at 10am. Residents have received test readings for ground water and/or air quality. Canisters are placed over a hole to collect eh vapors. Testing will be done every 3 or 4 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting will be held on August 3.

Respectfully submitted

Jack O'Neil