

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JAN. 10, 2007

Chairperson Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Attending members: Wendy Dabney (Chair), Carol Wagner (Health Dept), Emil De Luccia, Deputy Mayor Marty Etler (Borough Council), Jack O'Neil, Ally Lansey (FLHS Liaison), and guest Maureen Moriarity.

Absent members = Stuart Alper, Gina Bernstein, Peter Kortright (Planning Board Rep), and Joe Pineiro.

Deputy Mayor Marty Etler discussed the work being done by the Passaic Valley Water Commission, and grants for projects such as the fire department grant for the boat launch at the Memorial Park River Walk area. He advised that obtaining a borough proclamation from the council was needed as grounds for securing a grant. He stated that the Topps Cleaners is still undergoing remediation.

Chairman Dabney recalled that the Dundee Dam was built in 1890, and that was the last time that the second fishing weir was seen. United Water processed Passaic River water for drinking. Wendy advised that Joe Pineiro and her terms expired in 2009, and Emil De Luccia's term expired in 2008. Membership attendance was discussed. With five actual members and two alternates, we have a difficult time having a quorum. Deputy Mayor Marty Etler suggested that we establish by-laws to cover membership, etc. The question of members serving on more than one board or commission was discussed, and will be brought before the council. There is no conflict of interest. The Open Space Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, Feb. 5th. Correspondence received included the "Hackensack Tidelines" and "Environment New Jersey" which is allied with the Outdoor Recreation Alliance. It included an item on repairing local and state parks and the funding therefore. It was given to Maureen Moriarity for the Open Space committee. Aerial photographs depict Naugle house property as wetland property. A first and second reading is to come up regarding rezoning the Clariant property. Height should be no more than 45 feet.

REPORTS =

HEALTH DEPT. = Carol Wagner gave Health Dept. update: Ref: Topps Cleaners, NJDEP completed QZ/QC review of lab data and found PCE levels above indoor screening level in 3 homes. AMAI is required to develop a plan to mitigate the elevated PCE vapors in the basements of the homes. Plans require prior NJDEP approval. Report of abandonment of

five wells at Cumberland Farms reported, but four new wells installed (but they are not replacements). Remedial Action reports for last four years received from Fair Lawn Industries. The noise level at Power Tech has been greatly reduced. The stack height is to be increased and fans are to run slower. Outside scrubbers installed to replace inside equipment. A notice from ANJEC received advising that as of 2005 there are 380 municipal environmental commissions. ANJEC receives no state or federal funding. ANJEC sponsors workshops, seminars, and road shows. Carol distributed the site re-evaluation report by municipality listing sites with on-site sources of contamination. A sheet announcing the "Geese Peace 2007 Leadership Series" was distributed. The initial meeting will be at the Ridgewood Village Hall on January 24th from noon to 3pm

PLANNING BOARD = Peter Kortright will provide information on storm drain filtering.

FLHS Liaison = Ally reported that recycling is being strongly promoted. Special bins are being provided. Walking and biking is also being encouraged rather than driving cars. There are not enough signs installed to designate the bike paths, therefore students and teachers are not even aware of the designated bike paths. New bike racks are needed. The environmental club promotes awareness of environmental issues. It was noted that videos are available from the library. Ron Lotterman could also give a presentation. FLHS should also coordinate with Memorial Middle School to learn of their programs. They have an excellent power point presentation. Articles could also be submitted to the "Community News" teen page.

The Memorial Riverwalk = Emil reported that the path is fully chipped. Work is being done on the boat launch. Three Mountain Snowbells trees that will grow to 80 feet will be planted as part of the Arbor Day observance on April 20th (Earth Day). Mr. Immerman is fully supportive of the project.

The meeting was adjourned a 9:10.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O'Neil