

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Chairperson Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Attending members/ reps: Wendy Dabney (Chair), Gina Bernstein, Carol Wagner (Health Dept), Jack O'Neil, Emil De Luccia, Joe Pineiro, and Councilwoman Jeanne Baratta (Borough Council)

Absent were = Ally Lansey, Stuart Alper, and Peter Kortright.

Maureen Moriarty and Atiqur Rahman attended as guests

The minutes of the previous meetings were accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE =

Notice of a Sierra Club meeting in Hawthorne.

"Conserve Wildlife" newsletter received.

Correspondence from Howard Marks regarding the Clariant property, uncovered piles at the Hayward tract, a cluster residential ordinance sample, Naugle House property and the hazardous conditions regarding safety.

Letter on clean water financing from NJ State DEP

REPORTS =

HEALTH DEPT. = Topps Cleaners had a NJDEP notification that of 4 homes tested on the west side of Plaza Road in September 2006, 1 will need a subsurface depressurization system (SDS) since air screening levels (IASL) were elevated for PCE. Two of 4 homes on the east side will require SDS. The remaining 5 homes will be monitored quarterly. Field report sent to NJDEP regarding Clariant property from the In-Situ Chemical Oxidation Pilot Study (ISCO). Absence of measurable concentration in Passaic River indicates contaminants not migrating as a result of ISCO program. Councilwoman Jeanne Baratta commented on dye factory contamination migrating across the river to Memorial Park. Kemparts in compliance for major code requirements. Individual stormwater permit revoked, and the less expensive general stormwater permit was issued.

ZONING BOARD = No Report

PLANNING BOARD = Clariant is to go before the council.

BOROUGH COUNCIL = Councilwoman Jeanne Baratta advised that under a new rule, council members are to give reports before work sessions on meetings that they attend. She commented on the scrubbers at the Clariant property. There is also concern over changing oil on school buses in the wooded area. Residents are taking pictures. The buses have not been moved from the board of education site on Legion Place.

OLD BUSINESS

River Walk = Emil advised that the boat launch is finished. The fire department will put up a light there. Six benches have been ordered from \$25,000 grant money. Where do we want the Passaic Valley Sewer people to go next? The dedication date for the River Walk is pending. It has been recommended that the River Walk be named for George Frey.

New Appointments – It has been determined that Maureen Moriarty may be a member of both the Fair Lawn Environmental Commission and the Open Space Committee. Her name will be submitted to the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Emil gave a presentation on the Geese Peace meeting held in Ridgewood on Jan. 24. He and Jack O'Neil attended. He reported on the Geese Peace organization and its methods for eliminating geese, and its success in South Jersey. He outlined the procedure for oiling eggs in the spring, harassing the geese with collies, and following up until November. He also discussed the "Goose Facts" regarding migrating and resident geese, the mating season (Feb, Mar, Apr), nesting season (Apr, May), molting season (Jun, Jul, Aug), followed by pond hopping until February. Teams are trained to approach nests and coddle eggs. A training session is scheduled for March 21. Copies of information sheets were distributed to the members.

Emil also reported on the Passaic River Coalition which is a kayaking club. Our boat launch could also be used for this type of recreation. He made reference to the "Rivers and Trails" publication.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion by Gina Bernstein and a second by Joe Pineiro.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O'Neil