

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2007

Chairperson Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Members present were Wendy Dabney (chair), Carol Wagner (Health Dept), Deputy Mayor Marty Etler, Gina Bernstein, Emil De Luccia, Peter Kortright, and Jack O'Neil. Guests included Maureen Moriarty and Atiqur Rahman.

Wendy Dabney advised that NJDEP will make a presentation on the Clariant property on March 20. Congressman Rothman and Assemblyman Gordon have been invited.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANJEC workshop on "Eminent Domain in New Jersey" will be presented at the Rutgers Law School on March 31.

NJDEP is seeking public input in planning for statewide transportation issues. It was suggested to the borough council that the Open Space committee should have fixed meeting dates and alternates.

Jane Spindel advised that there will be a Bergen County Environmental Commission program with a speaker from NJDEP on May 17. The planting of native species to be discussed. Location pending.

"Hackensack Tidelines" received.

REPORTS

HEALTH DEPT. = Carol Wagner distributed copies of her report which covered the Clariant Corporation and Topps Cleaners. Dirt piles on the Hayward property were discussed. Anne Wolf is the NJDEP case manager for Hayward. A letter should also be sent to Kodak regarding covering their dirt piles. The Lyncrest School dirt pile was discussed.

ZONING BOARD – No Report

PLANNING BOARD – Peter Kortright reported that there were twenty recommendations on restrictive clauses on height. FLEC members suggested that as many units as possible be age restricted, and that Green Building practices be employed.

BOROUGH COUNCIL – Deputy Mayor Marty Etler discussed the FAR area ratio to "reign in" the mansions. The Garretson Forge and Farm to obtain \$200,000 from the county for rehabilitation. A pre-school will be place on the JWV post site.

OLD BUSINESS

RIVER WALK – Emil De Luccia reported that a \$6,000 grant application was made for six signs from the National Park Service. Memorial students to design the signs. Mr. Art and Mr. Cohen will supervise. Tony De Condo did research on the weirs.

ARBOR DAY – Program on Friday, May 4 from 1:30 to 2:30 at Memorial. Trees planted will be one red Oak and three Mountain Silver Bells. Emil asked the borough clerk to distribute the information to the council members.

NEW APPOINTMENTS – Wendy asked that Maureen Moriarty and Atiqur Rahman be considered for membership on the commission. Marty Etler will present this to the borough council.

GEESEPEACE – The program was discussed, and the adhering to the schedule was noted as important for success. A workshop will be held at the Stable on March 21 from 1-3 or 7:30-9:30pm. Address is 259 North Maple Avenue in Ridgewood. Registration required. Jack has forms. Jack O’Neil and Emil De Luccia will attend.

NEW BUSINESS – It was recommended that we have an attendance clause to alleviate our having members who do not attend meetings. We often lack a quorum for this reason.

Jack O’Neil moved that a member with three unexcused absences will be removed from membership. Marty Etler seconded the motion which passed.

Jack O’Neil moved that a Fair Lawn High School liaison position be officially established. This would be a non-voting position. Emil De Luccia seconded the motion which passed.

Jack O’Neil moved that the position of vice chair be established. The vice chair would conduct commission business in the absence of the chair person. Emil De Luccia seconded the motion which passed.

Jack O’Neil moved that we recommend to the borough council that a policy be established whereby initial appointments will be classified as alternates. As permanent members vacate their position, an alternate can be selected for that position. The motion was seconded by Gina Bernstein which passed. Mary Etler will present this to the council,

It was suggested that business cards be authorized for the chair and vice chair.

WENDY DABNEY reminded the members of the following events =

March 14 – Fair Lawn Historical Preservation Commission program on the fish weirs with Tony De Condo as guest speaker.

March 20 - NJDEP program on the Clariant property.

April 22 – Earth Day

May 4 – Arbor Day program at Memorial

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm. The next meeting will be on April 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O’Neil