

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUN 6, 2007

Chair Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Members present were: Wendy Dabney, Jack O'Neil, Carol Wagner, Emil De Luccia, Peter Kortright, and Marty Etlar.

Howard Marks attended as a guest.

Prior to the official meeting, Mr. Peter Cohen, and educator at Memorial Middle School, made a photo presentation of the River Walk and the effect of the flooding at the school grounds. His presentation included the Arbor Day program including tree planting and the clean up. He stressed the enthusiasm of the students for these projects.

Wendy initiated discussion on Arbor Day and the effects of the flood on the River Walk. Emil reported that the wood chips had to be replaced, but none of the River Walk structures were destroyed. Scout Kieth Simineola is making interpretive signs as an Eagle Scout project.

Wendy also reported that, in violation of stormwater management, Costanza Contracting was washing their cement dump trucks into the open sewers. Photographs of the incident were circulated among the members. Cement is acidic and kills fish. When reported, the police did nothing. Leg filters were suggested to protect storm drains. The building department should notify the violators in accordance with existing ordinances. There is a new ordinance being enacted regarding pesticides going into the Passaic River. Municipalities are to be responsible.

REPORTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT =

Carol Wagner submitted the May report, and distributed copies to the members. NJDEP has completed review of Remedial Investigation Reports for Cole Engineering, and requested an in-situ proposal on June 8. Monitoring well permits for 11 wells approved by NJDEP for Sandvik. 31 wells approved by NJDEP for Topps Cleaners. Remedial Action Report Approval for 2 homes on Plaza Road. Monitoring Report required including quarterly inspections by Dec 31, 2007. Next indoor monitoring due in June 2007. Anderson, Mulholland & Assoc. sent letters to ten residents and property owners on Townley Road regarding vapor intrusion testing procedures. NJDEP review of 3 homes on east side of Plaza Rd revealed no detectable or levels below the IASL for PCE and/or TCE.

Anderson, Mulholland and Associates conducted a presentation of the situation at the Fair Lawn Community Center on May 14th. NJDEP was also represented. Carol Wagner represented the health department on the panel. The forum was opened to questions from the audience.

BOROUGH COUNCIL = Marty Etler reported that the borough council recommended tax relief for historical and environmental projects. A fertilizer management ordinance proposed based on model ordinances submitted. Regarding the Naugle House, the council will tell the owner that the council will take it under eminent domain and rezone it to R2.

OPEN SPACE = No money has been spent. If there is no action within 1-2 years, the \$450,000 may go to other towns. You have to prove that you are going forward in good faith to hold on to it. There will be a June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE =

- 1. A meeting on Brownfields scheduled for Jun 8 at the Crown Plaza by the New Jersey League of Municipalities.**
- 2. NJDEP Bulletin received.**

ZONING BOARD = Omnipoint (T-Mobile) application to be brought up on June 7.

OLD BUSINESS =

- 1. The Board of Education should have the soil at Lyncrest tested, and we should receive the test results.**
- 2. Environmental Commission structure. A letter is to be sent to the borough council regarding the structure of the commission and its purpose of gathering and disseminating information. We should have staggered terms to insure continuity and better presentations to the council. Commission members should take responsibility for a particular field of expertise. Some liaison with related committees should be established. We are now short a regular voting member and two alternates. We also need a vice-chairman to be designated.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O'Neil, Sec'y