

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2007

Chairperson Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Members present were Wendy Dabney (chair), Lydia representing Carol Wagner (Health Dept), Gina Bernstein, Peter Kortright, Joe Pineiro, Atiqur Rahman, Nancy Sperling, and Jack O'Neil. Guests included Kathy Meneghin (Fair Lawn High School Environmental Club), and Sam Sperling (Fair Lawn High School Global Warming Initiative). New appointments were made in September.

Wendy introduced guest Kathy Meneghin who discussed fund raising for environmental projects at the school such as recycling bins in every room. Ordinances are needed to enable environmental enforcement and to issue summonses. Nancy Sperling advised that she has a neighbor who recycles printer cartridges. Lydia advised that the health department collects printer cartridges for recycling which raises money for drug prevention. Some grants are available for these projects, and Paul Ragulsa may be able to help on this.

Sam Sperling discussed fund raising for school global warming programs. Properly situated clean bike racks were suggested to encourage cycling rather than driving cars with their gas emissions. River clean up was also mentioned.

REPORTS =

HEALTH DEPT. = Lydia distributed copies of her report which covered a monitoring report for Shop Rite City. Deficiencies were noted in the August Remedial Investigation Report and work plan for Zero Twenty Four Gas Station. A progress report, contour map, utility map, screening results and boring logs are required. Satisfactory quarterly checks also made for Kraft Foods, Zap Lube Car Wash and Borough of Fair Lawn. At Clariant, a hydraulic cylinder servicing an elevator experienced a failed seal leaking 40 gallons of hydraulic fluid into surrounding sand and local soil. 25 tests will be performed to determine the extent vertically and horizontally for pollution. Best method to be determined with NJDEP. Regarding Topps cleaners, letters were sent to 5 homeowners on Plaza Road to do additional indoor sampling in their basements. NJDEP will approve extension for submitting 3rd Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Reports.

ZONING BOARD – No Report

PLANNING BOARD – Peter Kortright reported that there will be a meeting on October 22. Kem property has been sold. Possible contamination. TD Bank purchased Commerce Bank. A & P purchased Pathmark on Maple Avenue. Concern is over the wetlands on the property.

BOROUGH COUNCIL – Jack O'Neil reported that an ordinance was passed at the borough council meeting of Sept. 25th to amend the "Recycling Program" code to include electronics as a mandatory recyclable.

OPEN SPACE – Meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 27 at 7:30. The George Street property is to be reinstated. Property on First Street where a house consistently floods is being considered. Alternate members are needed to insure a quorum at meetings. A quarterly schedule should be set up. Fair Lawn Industries parking lot along the river to be considered.

RIVER WALK – Emil De Luccia submitted a report. A fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13th from 10am to noon. Keith Simeonoglou of Troop 53 performed an Eagle Scout River Walk project including interpretive signs, direction signs, bird houses, owl houses, etc. Craig Cohen published the “Memorial River News” in Sept. and Oct. providing information on the Environmental Club meeting, Oct. 13 clean up, Keith Simeonoglou’s and Wendy Fowler’s contributions to the River Walk. Emil and 6th grade teacher Lisa Van Cleef will meet with the mayor at 8:30 on Oct. 10th regarding the Passaic River and a proposal to obtain kayaks and canoes. The \$6,000 trail head grant information will be known next week.

NEW BUSINESS –

Peter Kortright moved to amend our enabling resolution form the council to add an attendance requirement stating that missing three consecutive meetings without cause would be ground for terminating membership on the commission. Nancy Sperling seconded the motion which passed.

Jack O’Neil moved that we obtain the services of a borough employee to take the minutes of our meetings. Gina Bernstein seconded motion which passed.

Wendy announced that there will be a program “A Night Celebrating Fair Lawn’s History” at the library on Wed., Oct 10th at 7:15pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Wendy Dabney submitted a schematic of the commission’s areas of interest for the purpose of establishing sub-committees and liaison with various borough departments. Members are assigned to a sub-committee as follows =

- 1. Zoning and Planning – Peter Kortright**
- 2. Open Space – Peter Kortright and Wendy Dabney**
- 3. Brownfields – Atiqur Rahman and Nancy Sperling**
- 4. Water Resources – Emil De Luccia**
- 5. Webmaster – Joe Pineiro**
- 6. Vice Chairman – Open**
- 7. Secretary – To be furnished by the borough**
- 8. Bicycle and Pedestrian – Wendy Dabney**
- 9. Trees – Wendy Dabney**
- 10. Ordinances – Designated council liaison**
- 11. Board of Education – Paul Ragusa**
- 12. Lyncrest School Nature Area – Gina Bernstein**
- 13. Community Issues – Open**

The schetmatic will be submitted to the members when finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting will be on Nov. 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O’Neil