

Borough of Fair Lawn  
Environmental Commission

March 4, 2009

Chairperson Dabney called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

**Present:** Wendy Dabney, Nancy Sperling, Phil Cassidy, Deputy Mayor Joseph Tedeschi, Health Officer Carol Wagner and Kim Wei.

**Absent:** Emil DeLuccia, Gina Bernstein, Joseph Mele, Joe Pineiro, Atiqaur Rahman, Paul Ragusa.

There was no quorum due to insufficient number of voting members present at the meeting. Discussions of the topics are provided herein.

**Minutes:** The minutes could not be approved due to a lack of quorum.

**Correspondence:** Chairperson Dabney reported that there were no letters of interpretations for applications or permits received. Discussion evolved to talking about the FLEC's need to receive Planning Board applications that involve environmental issues.

**Reports:**

Health Department: Health Officer Wagner handed out a monthly report and gave a report on NJDEP correspondence and oversight of environmental issues in February 2009.

Water Quality Team: Emil DeLuccia could not attend since he was at Fair Lawn High School giving a presentation to the PTO regarding student environmental projects planned for the Spring of 2009. Emil's written report provided information on the Memorial Middle School River Clean Up project, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canoe Race planning meeting and a flyer of the Passaic River sign by Memorial Middle School.

Planning Board: Phil Cassidy reported that at the March 9 Planning Board meeting, the board will discuss the antennae at the FLAC and the Route 208 study. There was also discussion about social issues regarding a bridge to County property adjacent to Oceanos Restaurant and requirements of EPA approval since it is in a flood plain and the County is talking about constructing a road.

Educational Outreach: Gina Bernstein gave a report to Chairperson Dabney about Lyncrest School being entered into an environmental contest called Environmental Super Powers contest. Members can vote for Lyncrest School by visiting [www.parentguidenews.com/superpower](http://www.parentguidenews.com/superpower).

Brownsfield: There was no discussion on Brownsfield.

Zoning: No outstanding Zoning issues were discussed.

Council Liaison: Deputy Mayor Tedeschi mentioned that the Mayor and Council are discussing volunteers being given credit to join the pool. The Mayor and Council is working on the budget and not reducing staff other than retirements. The Mayor and Council are also working on town sponsored programs on “How to Survive the Poor Economy” scheduled for Mary 6, 2009.

Open Space: Chairperson Dabney identified all the open space property in Fair Lawn on a map and explained that all open space money needs to be spent by the end of the year or be sent back to the State. Presently there is \$650,000 available for the purchase of open space. The Open Space committee is working on purchasing property form the Fire Department on George Street. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi reported that the Mayor and Council sent out letters to specific residents asking that the town be notified and given first consideration when they are looking to sell their property.

**Old Business:**

Chairperson Dabney mentioned that she spoke with US EPA representative, Wanda Ayala, regarding US EPA providing a public meeting for Fair Lawn residents on a remediation investigation/feasibility study on the environmental remediation of Fisher Scientific, Sandvik and Kodlux and the contamination of the Fair Lawn Well Field in the Westmoreland School area. The US EPA sent out letters to residents on Eberlin Drive to conduct sub-slab vapor intrusion testing. The purpose is to determine the extent of remaining contamination and whether previous remediation techniques were effective. The ultimate goal is to remove Fair Lawn from the US EPA Superfund Site.

**New Business:**

Chairperson Dabney had e-mail communiqués with the Acting Borough Manager regarding applying for the “2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant for Municipalities” which is due March 31, 2009. Chairperson Dabney suggested that Fair Lawn conduct an Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). Chairperson Dabney also mentioned another ANJEC grant “Green by Design: Laying the Groundwork for Sustainable Development” which is due Mary 7. Chairperson Dabney recommended that Fair Lawn apply for the grant. Suggestions were sought on ideas what the Environmental Commission can do for the River Regatta.

**Public Comment:**

Kim Wei mentioned a project called “Project Porchlight” and agreed to forward information to the FLEC as requested by Chairperson Dabney.

**Next Meeting:** April 1, 2009

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Chairperson Dabney, seconded by Nancy Sperling to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.