

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 9, 2006

Chairman, Stephen Sangle, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gillian Hemstead, Daniel Kochakji, Timothy Metcalf, Douglas Ott, Stephen Sangle, Bernie Stapleton. Alternate: Irene Smith.
Planning Director: William Drew. GIS Specialist: Robert Sparkes

Absent: Maryellen Gabay. Alternate: Andrew Abdul, Sr.

Mr. Sangle noted that Mr. Abdul had not been notified of his appointment to the Commission and, therefore, was not present.

ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE

During discussion the Commission noted that the July date should be moved to the 10th of the month so as not to conflict with the 4th of July holiday. **MOTION** made by Douglas Ott, seconded by Daniel Kochakji, to adopt the meeting schedule for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 as amended. On voice vote all were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

TCR NJ/PA LAND ACQUISITION L.P. (VALLEY RIDGE), Final Site Plan #0220-0041B, Block 8002; Lot 4, Union Valley Road; R-1/PN Zone. Present for the applicant were Richard Murphy of Trammell Crow Residential and Christopher Cirrotti, PE, Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc.. Planning Director, William Drew, gave a brief history of the application and explained the current request. He noted that the applicant had reduced the number of units to 100. During discussion the members expressed concern regarding the slopes and the quality and availability of water. The Commission requested copies of the results of any future water tests. The proposed lighting was also discussed and the Commission requested that all lights be radiated down.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (WATER TREATMENT PLANT), Use Variance #0540-0726, Preliminary & Final Site Plan, Wireless Telecommunications #0520-0224AB, Bulk Variance #0530-0727 Block 14102; Lot 1, Center Island, Route 23; R-4 Zone. The Commission noted that this was an ideal location for a tower and expressed no concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA 3: Bernie Stapleton noted that no meetings had been held.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDWALK: William Drew updated the members on the status of the project. A contract had been drawn up and the contractor was reviewing it. The material was delivered to the local Home Depot and arrangements were being made for the Township to transport it.

GREENWOOD LAKE 319H GRANT: Robert Sparkes advised that the consultant was continuing to review the BMPs methods to be installed. Arrangements were being made to meet with the County Engineers to enlist their cooperation in the project.

BELCHERS CREEK FECAL TESTING GRANT: Robert Sparkes will be contacting Pat Rector at the DEP to schedule the next round of testing. It was suggested that weather permitting the members take a canoe trip to the site to check on the status of the creek at this time of year.

WEST MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL WATER MONITORING WEBSITE: Douglas Ott noted that he had reviewed the website. He advised that problems had been encountered with the software, which would not run. Mr. Ott looked at all the problems and made recommendations to correct them.

604(B) GRANT APPLICATION: Robert Sparkes noted that a letter was received from the DEP advising that the Township application had made the first round of cuts. However, the DEP had requested that a number of issues be further addressed. The expansion of the data collection was one of those issues. In addition, an increase in the amount of the grant was being requested to accommodate the additional expenses in collecting the data. At the suggestion of Pat Rector, DEP representative, a seminar on septic innovations in conjunction with Lake Shawnee in Jefferson Township had been included in the grant. A discussion followed on the importance of maintaining septic systems.

STORMWATER QUALITY REGULATIONS: Public information and awareness. Education. William Drew advised that an informational leaflet, *Solutions to Stormwater Pollution*, was included in the recycling material sent to Township residents.

NEW BUSINESS

ANJEC 2006 PLANNING GRANTS: William Drew suggested submitting a grant for streetscape improvements in the center of town. In speaking to an ANJEC representative it was suggested that the Township consider creating a small park. Members recommended the PAL area as a suitable site. Other sites to be explored and a decision made at the February meeting.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the October 3, 2005, November 7, 2005 and December 12, 2005 regular meetings. Matter carried.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notice dated November 28, 2005 advising that Joan Hopper is applying for a General Permit for property located at 271 Morsetown Road, Block 5301; Lot 47 for the installation of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system. Noted and filed.

Letter dated December 12, 2005 from Keller & Kirkpatrick advising that the County is applying for a General Permit for emergency repairs to the roadway embankment and Clinton Road Culvert over the Clinton Brook Tributary. Noted and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated December 12, 2005 from Robert H. Sparkes, GIS Specialist to Joseph C. Rogers, Program Coordinator, DEP, submitting the work product for the Storm Drain inventory (Phase Two) grant. Robert Sparkes noted that a check had been received and the grant closed.

Copy of letter dated November 28, 2005 from Assemblyman Alex DeCroce to the Mayor regarding the Wanaque Reservoir Total maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Noted and filed.

Copy of memo dated December 14, 2005 from William Drew to the Township Administrator regarding the Pequannock River Coalition's request to siphon over the dam at Westbrook Park. Noted and filed.

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT

Letter dated December 16, 2005 from the DEP advising that the application for Lin Cellular Communications, LLC for property located at 333 Warwick Turnpike, Block 2802; Lot 2 has been approved for the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility. Noted and filed.

Letter dated December 6, 2005 from the DEP advising that the application submitted by Omnipoint for property located at 17 Wooley Road, Block 9901; Lot 39 is exempt from the Highlands Act and that there Water Quality Management Plan was not addressed. Noted and filed.

Letter dated December 14, 2005 from the DEP advising that the application submitted by Omnipoint for property located at 776 Warwick Turnpike, Block 1701; Lot 59 is exempt from the Highlands Act and that there Water Quality Management Plan was not addressed. Noted and filed.

Letter dated December 14, 2005 from the DEP advising that the application submitted by Sprint for property located at 776 Warwick Turnpike, Block 1701; Lot 59 is exempt from the Highlands Act and that there Water Quality Management Plan was not addressed. Noted and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one present wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace R. Davis
Secretary