

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES
July 12, 2004

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Maryellen Gabay (Arrived Late), Gillian Hemstead (Arrived Late), Timothy Metcalf, Daniel Kochakji, Bernie Stapleton, Stephen Sangle – Chairman. Alternates: Irene Smith (Arrived Late), Les Lynn. GIS Specialist: Robert Sparkes

Absent: Douglas Ott. Planning Director: William Drew

MINUTES

Motion made by Daniel Kochakji, seconded by Timothy Metcalf, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2004 meeting. On voice vote all were in favor.

Motion made by Les Lynn, seconded by Daniel Kochakji, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2004 meeting. On voice vote all were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

CARL BIERWAS, MINOR SUBDIVISION #0410-1964, Bulk Variance #0430-0665, Block 8201; Lot 2, 1945 Macopin Road; R-1 Zone. Site inspection was conducted by the Commission. The members had no objections to this application. However, they did request that the percent of disturbance be clarified.

MICHAEL & JOSEPH COSTELLO, BRADLEY MALAVOLTA, Minor Subdivision #0310-1956, Block 6403; Lot 1.02, Lincoln & Tintle Avenues; R-1 Zone. The applicants were present. The Commission accepted this application contingent on a review of the Letter of Interpretation and provided that the necessary permits are obtained from the DEP.

THOMAS A. CELANO, Minor Subdivision #0410-1960, Variance #0430-0669, Block 5309; Lot 1, Cahill Cross Road; R-2 Zone. The applicant was present. It was determined that a site inspection should be conducted to determine the presence/absence of wetlands and the results e-mailed to the Commission members for recommendation to the Board.

EUGENE PRAIS, Preliminary Subdivision #0410-1961, Variance #0430-0654, De Minimis Exception, Block 8401; Lots 22 and 23, 114 Dockerty Hollow Road; R-2 Zone. The applicant was present. Commission had no concerns provided development occurs outside the wetlands.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Use Variance No. 0440-0678, Preliminary & Final Site Plan #0420-0184AB, Block 6404; Lot 1.01, 1832 Greenwood Lake Turnpike; CC Zone. Applicant's representatives, Peter Broy, Czura, Stilwell LLC, Nicole Salerno, Omnipoint and Todd Hay, Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. were present. Members expressed concern regarding the height of the pole and its proposed camouflage. It was determined that no recommendation would be made until the staff had finished their review.

OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., (WATER TREATMENT PLANT), Use Variance #0440-0681, Preliminary & Final Site Plan #0420-0186AB Block 14102; Lot 1, Center Island, Route 23. Waiver of EIS previously granted. Members had no further comments.

GRANTS

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM (ESP) GRANT: Storm drain inventory – Phase 2 – Progress report. Rob Sparkes reported that the summer intern, Erick Halvorson, has started working on the project. All the inlets have been mapped, which will complete last year's grant. Work starting on the outfalls. Information to be shared with the County Engineer. Steve Sangle suggested that the inventory of the lake communities should be conducted in the fall after the lakes are lowered. It was noted that all outfalls will be photographs and inventoried.

OLD BUSINESS

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA 3: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDWALK: Daniel Kochakji reported that the water had receded and that the boards appear to be ruined. Members requested that Custom Dock, the installer, be contacted to assess the situation and advise as to how it could be repaired. The Commission further requested that they be advised when he would be available so that they could be present during the evaluation. It was also suggested that the manufacturer of the boardwalk material be contacted for advice on what caused the buckling and how to remedy the situation.

DRAFT OPEN SPACE PLAN: Subcommittee meeting scheduled for July 20th to prioritize identified lands.

NEW BUSINESS

POST BROOK 319H STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT: Irene Smith appointed the Commission's representative to Township Committee.

BELCHERS CREEK: Members discussed the water test results provided by the Health Department. The Commission suggested that further testing be conducted and requested that an update be provided each month on the progress of said testing. The issue of septic systems and sewers was further discussed. It was suggested that Joseph Elcavage be invited to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The following correspondence was received and filed:

Letter dated June 24, 2004 from LAN Associates advising that Shiloh Bible Camp is applying for a Letter of Interpretation for property located at 753 Burnt Meadow Road, Block 6002; Lot 47.

Letter dated June 4, 2004 from the DEP advising that the request of Steven Olson (Apply Valley Estates) for a Letter of Interpretation for property known as Block 9901; Lots 10, 11 and 12 was approved.

Letter dated June 9, 2004 from the DEP advising that the request of the Township of West Milford for a Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification for property known as Block 11901; Part of Lot 1 (Parcel Y), Block 12001; Lot 33.01, Block 12001; Part of Lot 41.01 (Parcel X), and Highlands Center, LLC, Block 11801; Lot 1.01, Block 12001; Lots 33.02 and 41.02 was approved.

Copy of *Watershed Focus*, Summer 2004, from the DEP Division of Watershed Management.

Letter dated June 23, 2004 from the DEP in response to a request from Ludwig and Lois Ambrosia for a Letter of Interpretation – Presence/Absence Determination for property known as Block 2703; Lot 3.

Letter dated June 17, 2004 from the DEP authorizing the request of Irene Moorhead for a Statewide General Permit No. 25 and Waiver of Transition Area for access for property located at 18 Berry Lane, Block 14113; Lot 6.

Pre-cancellation letter dated June 2, 2004 from the DEP in response to application for a Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification for Eric Hastings, Block 3906; Lot 4.

Notice that Edward Heimers is applying for a General Permit #25 for property located at 19 Keel Road, Block 7508; Lot 26 for a proposed septic system.

Notice dated May 27, 2004 from the DEP advising that the application for a General Permit No. 10B and Transition Area Special Activities Waiver requested by the Morris County Engineering Department for the replacement of Bridge No. 140 located on the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike was approved.

Notice that Scott Richardson is applying for a General Permit #25 for property located at 22 Tintle Avenue, Block 3704; Lot 18.01 for a septic alteration.

Notice dated June 8, 2004 that Geraldine Mines is applying for a Treatment Works Approval for property located at 1181 West Brook Road, Block 10901; Lot 10.01.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and filed:

Copy of Resolution introduced by Township Council amending a prior resolution authorizing acceptance of an NJDEP NPS grant (FY2004 Section 319h) for development of a lake restoration plan for Greenwood Lake.

Memo dated June 14, 2004 from the County of Passaic Recycling & Natural Resource Programs advising that grants are available for Summer and Fall 2003 Cleanup Projects.

Letter dated June 1, 2004 from Tetra Tech EM Inc. requesting the Commission consider hiring them to complete work in connection with the grant awarded the Commission by the DEP to perform a storm drain inventory.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace R. Davis
Secretary