

**Alloway Township Environmental Commission
November 7, 2011
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendees: Chairman Joe Ingerson-Mahar, Chris Gilbert, Marilyn Patterson, Frank Ponti and Craig Kane

Absent: Two vacancies are still unfilled.

October minutes were approved with changes.

Chairman discussed invasive plants and destructive insects. He warned against the relocation of trees and firewood since that practice accelerates the spread of tree killing insects.

Craig Kane discussed his progress on setting up a procedure for determining the environmental impact of developing a property.

We discussed articles by PSE&G of how their power lines impact the local environment.

We are still awaiting the decision of the Judge on the suit filed by HKS.

We discussed the PIG Grants approval and what impact that would have on the environment. We also asked if we could get a copy of the updated Open Space Maps once the grants were approved.

We had a lively discussion about how we can “sell” the Environmental Commission to the Township. We want to upgrade our image from “necessary evil” to “valued partner in the support of Alloway Township’s environment”. We talked about preparing a visual “Open Space Inventory” showing our preserved areas and varied environmental diversity.

Marilyn, our representative on the Board of Recreation Commissioners, stated that they were going to have Carl Gaskill, Township Engineer, at their next meeting. It is hoped that he will be able to give them guidance on the impact on wetlands and flood plains caused by their development plans for the Public Access.

Meeting was adjourned.