

**Alloway Township Environmental Commission  
December 12, 2011 Monthly Meeting**

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

**We still have two unfilled positions.**

November's minutes were approved as read.

**New Business:** Chairman Joe Ingerson-Mahar read the new absentee policy for boards and commissions supplied to us by the Township Committee. Questions were raised as to how the 75% attendance rule would be applied. Example: If someone joins the EC in Jan. and misses the Feb. meeting would they be dismissed? We will seek clarification if this situation arises.

Joe discussed a newspaper article he read recently stating that the Federal Government has decided that if a species is endangered anywhere it will be considered endangered everywhere. ie: If Bald Eagles are endangered in NJ but not in Alaska they will be considered to be endangered everywhere from the Federal Governments point of view. We need to do more research into what this means to us.

We need to select a topic for the Environmental Award and submit it to Mrs. Dilks at the Alloway Township School.

We also need to start preparing our Annual Report for submission to the Township. Marilyn will prepare a draft for our review at the January Meeting.

**Old Business:** Discussion took place concerning our inability to get people appointed to fill the long-standing vacancies on the Environmental Commission. These vacancies are hampering our ability to get things done.

Once again we brought up the PIG Grant and decided that we need to get more information on what is available and what criteria are being used. This brought up

our need to have an up to date map of all open space and deed restricted property such a preserved farmland. Marilyn will try to secure either a completed map or will work to prepare one.

Craig Kane has been working on proposed guidelines for conducting Threatened & Endangered Species Surveys in Alloway Township. After we send Joe our comments he will send a letter to the Planning Board enclosing the procedure and stating our support for its adoption.

**Reports:**

**BRC:** Carl Gaskill attended the December Meeting. They discussed their plan for the Public Access and asked what permits would be needed. Generally Mr. Gaskill stated that only a tiny sliver of the property that is in front of Ilaqua's house is wetlands and that the flood plain would not be an issue. (for more detailed information see the BRC's minutes online on the Township website)

**Planning Board:** Kenny Fones has submitted plans to the Planning Board to subdivide Block 52 Lot 4 to accommodate three duplexes. We agreed that this type of development would not fit in with the character of the Village of Alloway. Craig Kane will forward our opinion to the Planning Board.

Meeting was adjourned.