

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
November 10, 2014 General Meeting

Attendees: Joe Mahar, Autumn Angelus, Frank Ponti, Craig Kane, Anne Sullivan, Chris Gilbert

Absent: Aaron Warren

Meeting called to order at 7:41pm.

October minutes were approved as read. (Motion by AS, seconded by CK)

Discussion:

- Joe has ordered new Environmental Commissioners handbooks from ANJEC
- ANJEC plans & resources will be filed by Anne.
- Correspondence:
 - *Spotted Lanternfly – invasive Hemipteran which damages trees, shrubs, & grape vines by injecting saliva to keep sap moving. Likely won't see until spring.

Old business:

- Aaron will be sworn in at the December meeting, as he is absent.
- Keep vigilant & aware of invasive plant species. App. available for download – “NJ Invasives”.

New business:

- SCIA notes: Anne stated that the landfill is under scrutiny by the NJDEP. The landfill is not recycling at an anticipated rate. Mayor McKelvey is still working on a better deal between SCIA and Alloway Twp. Closing date is set for 2055, unless it fills up faster.
- Minor discussion regarding the 8th grade poster competition. Perhaps a topic to persuade residents to recycle more?
- 2 proposals from the Planning Board (both asking for an EIS waiver):
 - Proposed Kennel @ corner of Commissioners Pike and Woodstown – Alloway Road. Runoff leads to the lake, which is a concern. Waiting for the Planning board to review completeness of the report.
 - Mennonite Cemetery @ Pecks Corner- Cohansey Road. We'd like more information. Concerned about wells in the area.
 - ATEC is not requiring a full EIS (as of now) for either proposal. However, there are questions that need to be answered at both locations; including but not limited to: hydrology, wells, space on property, statutes regarding canine care, runoff, and waste removal. Residents within 200 feet of the proposal will receive notice.
- Anne will be attending an ANJEC grant writing symposium. An example of a winning grant recipient was distributed to the commission.
- Enviro-tourism was discussed as a subject that should be revisited by ATEC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm. (Motion by AS, seconded by CK)

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