

Alloway Township Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2017

**Attendees:** Joe Mahar, Craig Kane, Autumn Angelus, Amanda Pierce

**Absent:** Frank Ponti, Aaron Warren, Chris Gilbert

Meeting Called To Order at 7:31pm

February minutes were approved as read. (Motion by JM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CK)

**Announcements:** ANJEC training - April 1<sup>st</sup> - \$35.

**Correspondence:** CK email from Planning Board regarding Flood Hazard Area rules/ current Twp. ordinance for flood corridor protection.

**Discussion-**

*Old business:*

- ERI - JM asked ANJEC about possible grant opportunities to update the ERI. They said they do not at this time, but Cranbury, NJ did all of the work in-house, and received a grant from Sustainable Jersey for associated costs.
  - Before applying with them, a municipal resolution must be adopted. JM will look into whether this has been done.
  - JM has requested that FP & CK go through the ERI and identify the sections that need updating. JM would like to see this project started by the end of the year.
- Science Award Topics - JM will send these to Mrs. Dilks: "How can a healthy ecosystem prevent drinking water contamination?", "Everyone in the township has well water. Where does that water come from?", "Ecosystems effecting your drinking water.", & "Keeping our drinking water clean."

*New business:*

- JM has an upcoming meeting concerning crops/ bees/ pesticides. He mentioned that pyrethroids may be in trouble as far as EPA re-registration. He also mentioned that corn ear worms are developing resistance to B.t. and other pesticides.
- Open space grant opportunities through ANJEC - possible ideas discussed: township property behind lake, newsletter (need to find out website traffic), water trail signage, outreach.
- *Planning Board-*
  - Requested variance by Atanasio - PB ruled "no" due to unwillingness to yield on any proposed changes to the plan. Quinton Twp. ruled no as well.
  - New home construction on Brickyard Road was questioned. AA stated that the property is likely Piles Grove Twp.
  - Question regarding the construction official - AP stated that Andy Hoglen is the new construction official and zoning officer.
  - AP brought up questions that were brought to the construction office. Someone asked about building a home on the lake, and another question about a sewage smell at the Ranch Hope-owned home on the lake.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Autumn Angelus