



Union Township Environmental Commission

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Minutes November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting

Call to Order: The November meeting of the Union Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM, and the Sunshine Law announcement was read.

Roll Call: Present: Chuck La Tournous, Don Church, Chuck Neary, Jim Eschbach, Bill Harclerode, Steve Hurford, Brett Bragin

Absent: Alan Ford

Others Present: Michele McBride (Township Committee liaison), Bob O'Neil (NJ Water Supply Authority)

Public Education Event on Storm water Management: Mr. Bob O'Neil of the NJ Water Supply Authority presented information and provided written materials on the benefits, use and care of rain barrels. He also brought in a model of a rain barrel and discussed how to construct and install them. He also provided information on rain gardens. The UTEC was very appreciative of the information and presentation.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the October 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Minor changes were suggested. Chuck Neary motioned to accept the minutes with the suggested changes, Bill Harclerode seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Correspondence: 1) Received a letter from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection which indicated their approval of the Sidney Brook 319(h) grant report. The NJDEP suggested that the UTEC apply for 319(h) grants to correct some of the non-point source problems identified in the Sidney Brook report.

2) Received a "white paper" newsletter from ANJEC on Solar Siting and Sustainable Land Use.

Old Business:

Transco Pipeline – It was noted that a newspaper article stated that the NJDEP would be giving Transco the permits needed to construct the Supply Link pipeline project, which includes the Stanton Loop, a portion of which will be constructed within Union Township.

Proposed Archery Center – The Township has not received any new information on this proposed project since they had a meeting with the NJDEP.

New Business:

Recruitment of new members – As Chuck La Tournous and Sandy Stiger have resigned from the UTEC, the need to recruit new members was discussed.

Chair's Report: Since Don has just been appointed as the new Chair of the UTEC, there was nothing report.

Township Committee Liaison's Report: Michele thanked Chuck for his dedicated service to the UTEC.

Planning Board Liaison's Report: No report

Reports of Subcommittees:

- Open Space: Nothing new to report. Need to replace Sandy Stiger, who served on the Open Space subcommittee.
- Trails: Brett will assist Don on this subcommittee. We will be working on the Milligan Farm trail grant.
- Communication: The Autumn newsletter has been completed. It will be 12 pages. Chuck got quotes for the printing costs. Chuck La Tournous noted that the UTEC Facebook page normally gets approximately 20 to 30 hits per day, but after Hurricane Sandy struck the area, it got about 2,000 hits per day.
- Road Noise: Nothing new to report.
- Contaminated Sites: Nothing new to report.

Hearing of Citizens: No citizens to be heard.

Other Matters: None.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2012

Adjournment: There being no further business, Brett motioned to adjourn the November meeting. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.