

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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### Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Monmouth County Environmental Council

**Thursday, May 6, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

Monmouth County Planning Board Conference Room  
Hall of Records Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, One East Main Street  
Freehold, New Jersey

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fedosh called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

Members present: Baker, DiLorenzo, Fedosh, Means, Morrissey, Oliver, Thompson

Members absent: Lucas, Reynolds

Staff present: Waters

#### 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: March 4, 2010

Minutes from the March 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### 4. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – Mr. Fedosh along with the Council members shared memories of Ed Pitts, Council member who passed away in April. Ms. Waters reminded the members of his memorial service that will be held in June. Ms. Waters also noted that the vacancy on the Council would need to be filled with someone who would complete the remainder of Mr. Pitts' term that expires at the end of 2010.

Planning Board/Staff – Ms. Waters discussed Freeholder D'Amico's request to the Planning Board, for the Council's review of a report, presented to him by Ed Dlugosz of the Eatontown Environmental Commission, regarding some of the ongoing environmental issues at Fort Monmouth. Ms. Waters stated that Administration determined that a subcommittee would review the document and would meet with members of FMERPA the following morning. Mr. Fedosh, Mr. Means and Ms. Waters would represent the Council.

Mr. Means discussed a presentation made to the Board on a feasibility study currently being conducted for a project known as "Greenways at Ocean" that would connect all of Ocean Township by means of biking and walking paths.

Ms. Waters discussed the brownfields inventory project currently being conducted with the assistance of interns from NJIT and Bloustein. Ms. Waters asked for any information regarding watershed restoration projects within the lower Raritan watershed.

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters stated that the county received the draft county facilities energy audit report. Once staff has reviewed the document, comments will be provided to the consultant for their review prior to the release of the final report. Meetings of the GHGRAC are currently on hold until later in the year.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh noted the review of the grant proposal by the DEP Commissioner’s office. Once approved, a contract will be executed and work on the project can begin. A meeting of the stakeholder group will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- B. June Roundtable – Ms. Waters provided a draft flyer for the roundtable to the members for their review and input. Once finalized, the flyer will be distributed via email to various distribution lists to avoid printing. Final details and the agenda were discussed.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Summer meeting – Members discussed the upcoming summer meeting schedule for July and August. Because the July meeting falls immediately before the Holiday weekend, the members voted to cancel the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Members discussed holding the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at one of the county parks. Suggestions included Seven Presidents and Shark River parks.

## **7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS**

- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey noted the addition of 40 new rain garden specialists trained by Rutgers to assist with the construction of rain gardens throughout the county. Rutgers has funding for the construction of a rain garden in Sea Girt and Spring Lake. Wall Township may construct a second rain garden in the township to be located at Wreck Pond. She also noted an osprey platform in Wreck Pond has attracted its first pair of osprey. Ms. Morrissey also mentioned the cleanup of The Monitor Devices Superfund site in Wall Township will begin soon. In 1986, this site was included on the list of Superfund’s worst hazardous waste sites.
- **North Coast:** Mr. Thompson discussed some of the issues of the coastal towns related to the impacts of the recent storms and the lack of funding for beach replenishment. He also noted the ongoing work of the Oceanic and Rumson bridges.  
Ms. DiLorenzo discussed the beach erosion and damage to the sea wall in Monmouth Beach. Funding has been made available to repair the sea wall and provide beach replenishment. She also noted an active osprey nest off Patten Avenue in Monmouth Beach.
- **Manasquan Valley:** Ms. Oliver discussed an ongoing water access issue at a condominium complex in Brielle.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public in attendance

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.