

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the October 18, 2005 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18 2005 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, L. Tavgian, K. Tubbs and township resident Mary (?).

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Ms. Abbott moved to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2005 meeting and Ms. Tavgian seconded, with all in favor.

Remarks

Welcome new commission member Ole Raadam.

Welcome letter and resource materials for Environmental Commissioners distributed.

ArcView 9.1 has been received from ESRI. It is available for use by any CTEC member.

Environmental Commission has their own computer located at townhall. Members are encouraged to use computer for map making. See D. Stillinger.

Commission members are to print out and bring their own agenda's and other information needed for meetings.

Events

Friday, October 21, 9 am - 4 pm ANJEC Environmental Congress, Mercer County College Conference Center, West Windsor. www.anjec.org

Monday, November 14, 2005 CTEC - Mike Brennan and Earl Riley from Morris Land Conservancy - presentation on managing conservation easements.

Tuesday, February 21, 2006 - Frelinghuysen Arboretum, presentation on pesticides and organic lawn care. Promoted by Kathy Abbott and Lydia Chambers. All are welcome.

Action

Approval of letter to Gov. Codey and DEP Commissioner Brand Campbell - RE: DEP Local Environmental Services Program Funding. L. Tavigian accepted, O. Raadam seconded, with all in favor.

Approval of submitting solar energy letter to twp. committee recommending a presentation by Mike Brammel, twp resident and employee of Solar Energy Systems. Presentation would be about the environmental benefits and financial cost along with long term incentives and other additional information. Possibly incorporate with an educational event. (letter drafted by K. Abbott). L. Tavigian accepted, O. Raadam seconded, with all in favor.

Tree Protection Ordinance passed. K. Tubbs

Tree Brochure subcommittee to meet 1st week in November. K. Abbott to set up date/inform members. Brochure to include species types, tips on planting, protecting etc.

Recycled paper - K. Abbott to check with twp office personal (Ruth) on cost of recycled paper from Morris County co-op. L. Tavigian to talk with schools on paper issues. Possibly get high school students to volunteer by discussing recycling benefits with schools

Open space tax referendum - commission members decided to discuss further once referendum voting is complete. (Keep on agenda)

Reports

Storm water management display at library August 11-30, organized by L. Tavigian and A. Fair. Ms. Tavigian was not able to view display but received positive feedback from township residents.

Mail

Various newsletters, event notices, etc on top of filing cabinet in meeting room.

The CTEC meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli

