

# Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

January 7, 2015 – 7 pm Meeting

Chairman Keady called the meeting to order. He read the notice satisfying the Open Public Meeting Act. All stood for the pledge of allegiance. All were reminded to turn off their cell phones or put them in silent mode.

Members Present: Henry Gore, Chairman Michael Keady, Ted Harwick, Dwight Pederson, Richard Schrack, Robert Thurgarland and Cathy Miller (for Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak).

Absent: Jerry Bowers,

Township Committee Liaison Present: Ray Krov

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Township Committee Liaison Ray Krov sworn in Ted Harwick as a returning member of the committee.

Minutes: After reading the minutes, a motion was made by Henry Gore and seconded by Richard Schrack to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014. Motion carried.

Henry Gore was asked to be the Holland Township contact for the Curtis Specialty Paper Superfund site meetings.

Chairman Keady reminded everyone of the January 15, 2015 meeting of the Delaware Valley High School with Sierra Club, Delaware Riverkeeper and other groups. The meeting will begin at 7pm and will discuss the proposed PennEast Natural Gas Line.

Sub-Committees:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Ted Harwick and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary Kozak. 2015 point discussion to be at the February meeting.

Trails – Ted Harwick (chair), Robert Thurgarland and Richard Schrack. Grant discussion. Nothing new to report. Need to identify what they want to do and one goal is to ink the trails. Signage is another topic. More research needed on grants.

Web Page – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Rick Schrack – Township Committee has identified a firm they want to hire to work on the website and then the groups will work with a firm that is hired.

Highlands Conformance – Jerry Bowers (chair), Mike Keady and Henry Gore. 1<sup>st</sup> draft approved May 2011. Progress being made on the current revisions. In the hands of Mike Mueller. Once the revised document is received it will then to Highlands Council and then to Planning Board and then to Township Committee. We will discuss how to handle the public hearing when we get to that point.

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Robert Thurgarland, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary. Comments from the DEP were submitted to Forrester Farr for review. Henry Gore spoke with the DEP and Forrester Farr. All The sub-committee will meet soon. DEP wants us to come up with something easy to follow. The current plan is disorganized. Henry Gore to find out from Mr. McCartney what is a good plan and then to distribute to the sub-committee. Grants discussed. The comment about the Agricultural Advisory Committee being involved was discussed. Henry Gore spoke with Larry LaFevre and will try to attend a meeting.

Ted Harwick had questions about a recent newspaper article questioning reimbursement to property owners in the Highlands.

2015 Environmental Stewarts Training Session - - \$250.00 for the course.

Public Comment: Susan Meanchin of Phillips Road asked the Environmental Commission if they are going to write up formal comments to FERC against the PennEast Project. She is very against the project. She will send information to Mike Keady to see if Holland Township has done enough.

At 8:37 Ted Harwick made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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