

# Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

April 6, 2016 – 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, Ted Harwick, Chairman Michael Keady, Dwight Pederson, Richard Schrack and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Absent: Jerry Bowers.

Township Committee Liaison Present: Ray Krov

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: After reading the minutes, a motion was made by Ted Harwick and seconded by Richard Schrack to approve the minutes of March 2, 2016. All present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

2016 NJ Tree Recovery Campaign – Ted Harwick to pick up the trees and Dwight Pederson will go with him. Secretary Kozak and Chairman Keady will work on getting the literature printed. Secretary Kozak will work on getting the bay for the trees along with tables and chairs. Specific tree information will be in plastic protectors identifying which trees are available. Dwight Pederson has the publicity taken care of. The information has been posted on the web, at the municipal building, at the ridge, at various stores in town, and on Facebook accounts. The Arbor Day proclamation should be posted to the website. Chairman Keady is working on a press release with the newspaper(s).

Community Day – ongoing development process nothing new to report. Mayor Krov will work with Jessica Neglia to expand the space needed for participation of the Environmental Commission and Green Team as well as the off shoot groups that want to participate and have Environmental concerns in nature. Nothing new to discuss.

PennEast Pipeline Update: Ray Krov and Mike Keady met last month with the DEP representatives. The head of permitting at the DEP was present and she had an agenda. She had a great map but would not allow us to keep it nor copy it. Her take on this is that FERC is to give conditional approval without DEP permits. The ERI timeline was due in December and granted an extension thru March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Krov is to respond to the DEP question about our roads and how Holland Township is not in favor of proposing an alternate route for the pipeline. The proposed route has changed slightly. The DEP is of the opinion that assuming the worst is the best approach and the worst being that the application will be approved. This then evolved into an eminent domain conversation (the right of a government or its agents to expropriate private property for public use, with payment of compensation).

Sub-Committees:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Rick Schrack and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary Kozak. Nothing new to report.

Trails – Ted Harwick, Jerry Bowers and Richard Schrack.

DEP grant – The Township Committee is looking to possibly meet with Rick Schrack, Rick Roseberry, Deputy Mayor Bush and maybe a representative from the Holland Parks non-profit group. Secretary Kozak will resend the application to Mayor Krov. Mayor Krov to set up the meeting. Although something like Alexandria Park is desired, consideration should include trails, passive recreation, active recreation, trees,

wildlife, and the use of the land as a whole for the people. Identification markers and benches should also be considered. More information to follow.

The ANJEC Grant has been submitted.

Community Education and Outreach – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Ted Harwick – If you see additional corrections that are needed please send them to Secretary Kozak. The link is as follows:  
<http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/14-ec/46-environmental-commission.html>

Highlands Conformance – Jerry Bowers (chair), Mike Keady and Henry Gore. Zoning Officer Creveling to attend Highlands Council training. More information to follow.

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary. A follow up article should be submitted to the newspaper(s) for the Seedling Tree Distribution and Arbor Day celebration.

Public Comment: No comments were expressed.

Board Members: Ken Grisewood is interested in the Environmental Commission.

Planning Board Application update:

“Block 2 Lot 1.02 & Block 4 Lot 1– Mill Road Solar Project LLC – 10 Mill Road – Preliminary and Final Site Plan – Solar Project – Received into our office January 18, 2016 – 45-day completeness deadline March 3, 2016. Board Action needed.”

Nothing has been received into the office of the Planning Board. The application was deemed incomplete and is not on a Planning Board agenda for discussion.

Discussion took place about potential containments in the field, concerns about digging in the field, concerns about run-off flowing into the Musconetcong etc. Henry Gore suggested that the Planning Board Engineer should be working with the applicant's professionals before they resubmit the application. The concern of the Environmental Commission is the possible pollutants on the site. This then went into a discussion about Brownfield of which Henry Gore provide information that he found out about the mill from information in the application. Secretary Kozak continued to remind everyone that the application was deemed incomplete, nothing new has been submitted and that discussion really does not need to take place. Chairman Keady asked all to review the application submitted. Henry Gore was asked by Chairman Keady to present an outline. Ted Harwick wanted to discuss trees and how a landscape plan was not submitted and how a landscape maintenance plan is needed. Henry Gore also talked about wildlife and that someone should be looking into this on the property. Henry Gore to contact the DEP to see what additional information is available about a permit and to also express concerns that Holland has.

At 8:50 pm Rick Schrack made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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