

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
March 12, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Joe Ingerson-Mahar, Chris Gilbert, Marilyn Patterson, Craig Kane, Frank Ponti, Anne Sullivan and Brynn Reilley

Absent: none

Minutes were approved with changes.

Stephen Gould has been appointed as the EPA Region 2 Drinking Water Quality Watershed Ambassador for WMA#17.

Joe has sent the information that he received concerning the Eastern Environmental Law Service to Mr. Albano solicitor for the Planning Board. At this point he hasn't had a response to his two emails. We had hoped that Mr. Albano could use this free service in dealing with the HKS lawsuit.

A specialist from Rutgers has produced a fact sheet on mosquito control in rain gardens.

We talked some about permeable pavement and how it is being used in various areas to improve drainage and prevent road damage.

An Invasive Species Strike Force has been appointed on the State level. Some of the species of concern are feral hogs, snake head fish, Chinese and grass carp.

Old Business:

Recreation Committee: Marilyn reported that \$1000 has been paid to the Township for 10 annual passes. There is no evidence at this time that the daily passes are being purchased.

Ag Board: Anne attended their meeting and said that they have sent letters to the top ranked farms to update them on the process. They have hired Rita Shade for \$500 per farm to push things through the pipeline.

Planning Board: No meeting this month. The Board has changed Engineers to Sickles & Assoc. from Woodbury.

New Business:

There was a long discussion of the logging being done by the Boy Scouts at Camp Roosevelt. A number of members have been contacted by the public complaining about the removal of large Tulip Poplars and Oaks from the woods. We agreed that this is not in line with the public's image of the behavior of a group whose foundation is rooted in protecting the environment. It

was suggested that the EC write a letter to the Boy Scouts offering our service in providing information concerning the devastating impact on wildlife when you pursue this type of logging. It appears that they logged without a forestry plan or permit from the State and encroached on wetlands as well as removed trees from State Land.

Meeting was adjourned.