

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
July 9th, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Joseph Ingerson-Mahar, Frank Ponti, Anne Sullivan, Craig Kane, Chris Gilbert, Brynn Reilley

June minutes were accepted with changes.

Correspondence: Joe received notification of a meeting on Invasive Forest Pests to be held on July 23rd in Olivet.

Reports:

Ag Board-Rita Shade has had her focus expanded to include looking for other grants and funding.

BRC- We understand that the lake has been tested but we do not know the results or locations of the test. It appears that the Township Committee ordered the test and the BRC was not involved.

Planning Board-We questioned why take only 11 acres for farm land preservation? Possibly it is to be added to the 100 acres across the street. Craig will get us answers.

Old Business:

Chris talked about the awards. The Power was out. It was mentioned that approximately 20% of Alloway Township is wetlands. We discussed putting the actual number of acres of wetlands, open space, etc. on the Township website.

Joe will give posters and essays to Anne for posting in the gazebo. Marilyn has had the winner's posters and essays put up on Township website.

Joe has added two new phone numbers to our directory. DEP's South Jersey Land Management: Dave Golden 856-785-0592 and Lori Pettigrew 856-785-0455.

Joe asked if we want to have Ginger Benkert speak at an Alloway Sponsored ANJEC Meeting. We voted yes and Joe will arrange with Cheryl Reardon.

New Business:

Phil Donahue attended our meeting and requested that we have the wetlands along Woodstown Alloway Road drained. He said that it is unsightly and could harbor mosquitoes. We discussed whether this is a vernal pond, run-off or a blocked exit pipe. We are concerned that if it is a clogged pipe, opening it may further pollute the lake. We assume that since this is a County road the County would be responsible for the pipe. Because this is on private land and we see no environmental damage caused by this wetland, we determined that the EC has no jurisdiction.

Joe mentioned that the brochure is still awaiting photos. Marilyn will send some for his consideration this week.

Tree Ordinance: Should we focus on education or enforcement? Marilyn will gather bullet points of why you should plant native trees and why preserve mature trees. We need to create a good list of invasive and native trees.

Meeting was adjourned.