

**Alloway Township Environmental Commission
September 10, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendees: Joe Ingerson-Mahar, Marilyn Patterson, Brynn Reilley, Craig Kane and Chris Gilbert

Absent: Frank Ponti and Anne Sullivan

Minutes were accepted as read.

Joe had a call from Frank asking him to look into an ANJEC meeting to accept proposals for restoring habitat. Marilyn will attend the meeting and report on it at the next meeting.

Board of Recreation: No report available. No minutes on website.

Ag Board: Nothing to report.

Planning Board: The variance to open a Beauty Shop on owner's property was approved.

New Business: We discussed the recent use of Avitrol to kill Red Winged Blackbirds to keep them out of the corn crop. We voiced concerns about its impact on non-targeted species such as dogs, cats, fox, hawks, owls and eagles. Joe said there is a new product meant to be aerial sprayed on the fields to keep the birds off. Hopefully this will limit the use of Avitrol. It remains to be seen if this will have over-spray problems.

Old Business: Anne will put the winning posters and essays up for display in the gazebo.

Telephone Directory: Marilyn will get us the phone numbers for Natural Lands Trust, Green Acres Land Acquisition, Game Wardens number to report injured eagles, and Swamp Pink Co-ordinator. We will ask Anne for the number for Storm water Management and where to report trash dumps.

New Business: Assuming that the 29th is available we will be hosting an ANJEC Regional Meeting which will have Wetlands Enforcement Officials as speakers. Joe will continue to firm this up with Cheryl Reardon (ANJEC) and Ginger Benckert (DEP).

The meeting was adjourned.