

**Township of Long Hill
Environmental Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Environmental Commission (EC) of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey convened in a Regular Meeting at the Long Hill Town Hall, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey on Monday August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson, Alexey Hennessy, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pursuant to the requirement of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, adequate notice of the meeting including the time, date and location was posted on the Municipal bulletin-board, the Echoes-Sentinel and Courier News were notified.

2. MEETING CUT-OFF

Announcement is made that as a matter of procedure, it is the intention of the Environmental Commission (EC) not to continue any matter past 9:30 p.m. at any regular or special meeting of the commission unless the members then present pass a motion to extend the meeting to a later specified cut-off time.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Alexandra Hennessy, Chairperson, John J. Walsh, Member, Dorothy Smullen, Member, Joan McCloskey, 1st Alternate

Absent: Devanshi Jackson, Member, Suzanne Dapkins, PB/EC Cross-over, Bruce Meringolo, Township Committee Liaison

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 30, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed for approval, a motion was made by Jack to accept these minutes and the motion was second by Joan. All were in favor to approve these minutes.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to the public for questions or comments. As no one from the public was present, this section of the meeting was closed.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Reviewed pending application details with Dawn
- Email sent to potential new EC Member – 14Aug14: still no response

7. CORRESPONDENCE

• Letter of Referral-Application –14-05Z – BI 10201, L 6.01 – 437 South Northfield Road, Millington. Applicant: Richard Daunno; Proposal: demolish an existing 1 story single family dwelling and construct a new 2 story single family dwelling on the subject property. The applicant is seeking Bulk Variances, a Development Permit Waiver, and an Unimproved Road Variance. Meeting date 02Sep14. Plans and application reviewed. Alexey will draft letter of EC comments and send to Board of Adjustment. **Closed.**

• Letter of Referral-Application –14-01P – BI 14701, L 27 – 1926 Long Hill Rd, Millington Applicant: Restore Meyersville, LLC **New Proposal:** (new application number) change of use from retail and residential to indoor fitness center which will be utilized by Central Jersey Volley Ball Academy. Revised Plans. Meeting date 14Oct14. Alexey will draft letter of EC comments and send to Planning Board. **Closed.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

•Kevin O'Brien has requested that the EC send their comments/concerns to him in writing on the requested change in zoning of Morristown Road, from railroad tracks all the way south including Madison Ave. A request was made to change the zoning from C Zone (Conservation Zone) to Business zone. The Township has acquired the west side of the street for Open Space; EC concern is the east side of the street. Karen emailed Kevin O'Brien and request the following information before the EC sends a letter:

- Do you have any history on the area of when and why it was changed to conservation zone and what it was previously zoned?
- Why and who is requesting that the zoning be changed now to business?
- Do you have or know where we can get a topographical map?
- Do you know of any known environmental issues?

Kevin did respond to Karen, and Karen requested Alexey to respond to Kevin's questions. Alexey is in touch with Kevin and will provide feedback at the next meeting. **Open.**

•Letter received from Tom Behr re: Board of adjustment. Karen sent an email for current status of this application and status of revised plans that were to be supplied by Tom Behr. Per Dawn, the board of Adjustment approved this application without final word from the Environmental Commission.

**On 01Jul14 Dawn placed the revised plans for above application in EC mailbox for our perusal even though the Board of Adjustment approved it without EC review.

The EC has reviewed the final plans in which the BOA based their approval. The EC is concerned that the lot coverage went from 22-27+ %. The EC is also concerned about the appearance of impropriety when one Board takes action without other expert Board's opinion. **Closed.

*** Alexey's email has gotten hacked, please see her new email Alexeyhennesy@gmail.com.

•Our prayers and well wishes go out to Sue Dapkins for a speedy recovery.

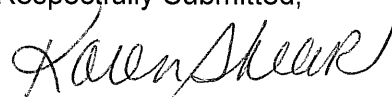
8. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Alexey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Joan. Upon proper parliamentary procedures, the regular meeting of the Long Hill Township Environmental Commission did duly adjourn at 8:45 P.M. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Shear, Secretary
Environmental Commission