

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
November 13, 2012

The Chairperson called the meeting order. It was stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly published and noticed as required by law."

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Wu, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Hale

Absent: Dr. Sherbine

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Schwartz makes a motion to approve the minutes from October 2, 2012 meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Garbowski. Remaining present board members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER UPDATES:

Abbotts Dairy Project- Mr. Giddings presented the CME Concept Feasibility Report to the VEC. The concept is to convert the old Abbott's Dairy site into a recreational complex and environmental educational center. He stated the existing building will be demolished and the metal would be recycled. One of the goals is to reduce the impacts that this site plan would have and keep cost down. The building would be converted into classrooms, wet labs and open areas for educational purposes. Parking spaces have been minimized and after demolishing one of the buildings the area will be converted to a multi practice field. There is an existing corrugated half pipe that can serve as an open environmental area in the event there is poor weather. Mr. Giddings also stated that at some point possibly installing solar panels.

Mr. Hale stated the idea behind the design of the building is for it to be self sufficient by using geothermal heating and air conditioning, solar and a wind turbine on site. He also stated that the garage structure could be used as a community center and could be used by veterans and senior citizens as a meeting space. Stockton and River Watch are interested in utilizing the building. Mr. Hale explained that once existing demolition is complete the field would have to be constructed from scratch.

Mr. Hale stated that the Open Space Enhancement Plan required an educational space and this would satisfy that requirement. This is the most diverse site and it would be owned by the Township.

Mr. Hale opens meeting up to the public. Seeing no public comments Mr. Garbowski makes a motion to close public portion, seconded by Mr. Wu

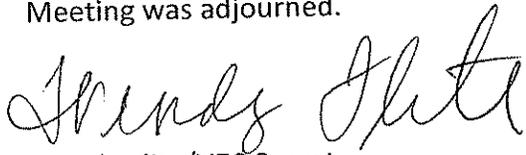
Mr. Hale explains that the current liason for the Sustainable Voorhees project needs to be replaced. Mrs. Brown makes a motion to remove Susan Sherbine from that position; seconded by Mr. Garbowski. Motion Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Wu, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney,
Mr. Hale

NAYS: None

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Meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Flite".

Wendy Flite/VEC Secretary