

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 10, 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, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Hale

Absent: Mr. Wu, Dr. Sherbine, Mr. Kahn

NEW BUSINESS:

VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Mrs. Brown motioned to nominate Mrs. Debora Schwartz as Vice-Chairperson of the Environmental Commission; seconded by Mr. Gaffney. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

MEETING DATES:

Mr. Hale made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2012 as presented; seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

COMMISSIONER UPDATES:

VECEF Grant Application – Mr. Hale informs the Commission that a letter of commitment to provide in-kind services to Voorhees Township for a preliminary engineering study to improve Centennial Boulevard and develop bicycle facilities that enhance utilization of the Township's Open Space has been drafted. He asks the VEC for their approval to forward the letter. A motion to supply the letter of commitment, dated December 20, 2011 to provide in-kind services was made by Mrs. Schwartz; seconded by Mrs. Brown. Remaining voice vote was in favor. Mr. Giddings, CME Associates, agreed to prepare a simple permitting analysis for the

TCDI Grant application. Mr. Gaffney volunteered to be the official liason for the project and Mr. Hale and Mrs. Schwartz also volunteered to assist.

Mr. Hale opens the meeting to the public. Seeing none Mrs. Brown makes a motion to close public portion; seconded by Mr. Gaffney. Remaining voice vote in favor.

Mrs. Schwartz informed the Commission that the Township acquired the Coliseum property and we left them with a conforming lot.

Mr. Hale stated that the Commission is applying for three Trail Grants. One will be for the Stafford Farm and another for the Stagecoach Trail off of Egg Harbor Road and a final one in the Ashland Woods.

Mr. Hale also informed the VEC that there are already monies appropriated for the Johnson Dairy Farm for asbestos cleanup and the bids have been sent out. The asbestos will be removed and most of the buildings will be removed and at that point the VEC will be able to use the open space.

Mrs. Schwartz asked for an update on the homes at Staffordshire Farm and Mr. Hale stated there are no permits to demolish the first house, the lease was rewritten to include caretaker status.

Mr. Hale stated the ROSI was updated and submitted to the state.

Mr. Hale informed Mr. Giddings that he might require him to map the storm sewers and outflows and grade their condition which could be utilized for an ANJEC Grant to repair them.

Mr. Giddings asked if a follow up is conducted and the VEC recommendations are implemented. It is suggested that a system to receive updates on the outcome of applications be put in place.

Mr. Hale opens the meeting to the public. Seeing no public comments Mrs. Schwartz makes a motion to close public portion, seconded by Mr. Gaffney.

Meeting adjourned.

Wendy Flite, VEC Secretary