

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
December 12, 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. Hale

Absent: Dr. Sherbine, Mr. Gaffney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Garbowski makes a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2012 meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. Remaining present board members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sustainable Jersey Certification – Chris Waldron, Director of Sustainable Camden County Mr. Waldron along with a video presentation he described his position at the County and explained the initiatives of the County's Executive Committee for sustainability. They are developing a long range sustainability plan that will include a series of initiatives and metrics to follow. That will be released on Earth Day 2013. In addition they are working on a website sustainablecamdencounty.org.

New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have this type of program. It is a model to many states. There are many incentives such as grants and funding opportunities for the municipality to obtain the certification. Mr. Waldron explained there are 2 levels of certification, Bronze and Silver and you must recertify every three years. It must be municipal driven.

In regards to Voorhees Township Mr. Waldron advised that updating the website and creating a Green Team are a priority.

Mr. Hale stated he would help establish the Green Team.

Mr. Waldron had stated he would gladly meet with and assist the VEC in becoming certified.

Mr. Hale opens meeting up to the public.

Ms. Helen Arvin stated that in regards to the Voorhees Environmental Park, a teacher from the Middle School provided a presentation to the students who then participated in a survey which is posted on Rutgers website. She also stated that VECEF just received the TCDI Grant and will be working on a master bike way.

Mr. Judson Goldsborough introduced himself and showed interest in becoming a member of the Sustainable Voorhees Green Team.

Seeing no further public comments Mrs. Schwartz makes a motion to close public portion, seconded by Mrs. Brown.

Meeting was adjourned.


Wendy Flite/VEC Secretary