

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2014

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: Mr. Hale, Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Washatwar, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney

Absent: Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Wu, Mr. Belson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2014 meeting as distributed; seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. Remaining present board members in favor.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Ms. Jessica Aubry introduces herself as one of the 20 New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors under Americorp and the DEP. She stated the group provides educational outreach. There is a stream biology program being held on April 5, 2014 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM at the Camden County Parks and Recreation Center located at Park Blvd. She also informs the VEC that she is hosting a clean-up at Farnham Park on March 15<sup>th</sup> between 10:00AM – 1:00PM at 7600 Kaighns Ave., Pennsauken. The Ambassadors not only test the streams but also provide training on testing streams.

Mrs. Schwartz asks what the group does with the information it gathers from testing? Ms. Aubry stated the information is submitted to the DEP.

Mrs. Brown asks if she provides educational program to schools? Ms. Aubry states she has and is willing to go into classrooms to conduct educational presentations.

Mr. Rashatwar asked what type of data is being collected? Ms. Aubry stated there are two types of assessments. One is visual which is based primarily on erosion and sedimentation. Second is counting and identifying macroinvertebrates.

Mr. Gaffney suggests that the organization take a look into Lions Lake. Ms. Aubry states if it is within her jurisdiction she will do so, if it is not she will obtain the contact information to who to contact regarding that property.

## NEW BUSINESS

VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE  
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN  
419 COOPER ROAD

Charles Block introduces himself as the attorney representing the applicant, along with Michael Avila, the applicant's engineer.

Mr. Avila gives a brief presentation of the project. He states they have been working on the project for the last 4-5 years. They have received outside agency approval, including DEP, Soil Conservation, County etc. The property is located in the RR Zone and is an existing kennel facility that services other municipalities in Camden County. It has been in existence since 1988 and is in need of some dire improvements.

Mr. Avila explains that the application is going before the Zoning Board because it is an expansion of an existing nonconforming use. He also stated they will be demolishing the existing building and constructing a new facility. The site will be serviced by public water and sewer. The new facility will better serve the community.

Mr. Avila explained they will be relocating the new building closer to Cooper Road. Variances are noted on the plans. They have also obtained LOI from NJDEP.

In regards to the CME review letter dated March 5, 2014, the applicant has/will comply with comments/recommendations # 2, 3, 4 and 5. . Mr. Giddings explained that it appears that a section of the wooded stream corridor riparian zone is to be cleared for construction. This will require an approval for a NJDEP Flood Hazard Permit. With regard to item #1 the applicant will obtain clarification from NJDEP as to Flood Hazard Permits required and obtain as required. Mr. Hale stated he would like a more detailed EIS. He explained it should include a list of the vegetation and wildlife. Applicant agrees to provide a revision to the EIS regarding the wildlife habitat and vegetation description. The applicant has also agreed to provide a Compensatory Tree Removal/Replacement Plan. The applicant also stated any fundraising will be done offsite. They explained what is done with any dog waste.

Mr. Hale opens meeting to the public. Seeing no public comments Mrs. Brown makes a motion to close public portion; seconded by Mr. Garbowski.

There is discussion of the recommendation letter to be forwarded to the Zoning Board. Mrs. Schwartz makes a motion to forward letter; seconded by Mr. Gaffney. (Please see attached) Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

AQUATIC HOLDINGS LLC  
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN  
333 PRESTON AVE

Dottie Bolinsky introduces herself as the attorney representing the applicant. Ms. Bolinsky gives a brief description of the existing site and history of the site. She stated the first step of the application would be the pool area. She explained the applicant is looking to expand the building with a 10, 135sq ft addition to enclose the pool completely. There is no change in impervious coverage and the applicant is seeking a waiver of the EIS. Ms. Bolinsky introduces Mr. Ken Levers, applicant's engineer, Mr. Omar Wellington, owner, Mr. Scott Peters, applicant. She explained there is a great need to improve the site for the community. Mr. Levers stated the Coliseum was constructed in 1968, is on 11 acres. The existing building has parking on all sides. The property is served by public water and sewer. The proposal is to take the existing outdoor pool and enclose it. There will be no new parking and no net increase in impervious coverage. The applicant plans on improving traffic circulation and clean up the site. Mr. Peters stated the anticipated use would be for competitive swim team meets. There was discussion on the time different events will be taking place and would there be conflicts with traffic patterns. There are currently 319 existing parking spots.

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

There is discussion regarding the CME review letter dated March 5, 2014 and the recommendation letter to be forwarded to the Planning Board. The VEC endorses the applicant's request for an EIS waiver due to the limited environmental impact of the project. The applicant will obtain clarification from the DEP as to Flood Hazard Permits required and obtain as required. The applicant has agreed to provide vegetative screening to the north if the project along the residential properties. The applicant has agreed to clear the intermittent waters of the state to the north and west of the property of debris. Mrs. Brown makes a motion to forward the letter; seconded by Mr. Garbowski. (Please see attached) Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Rashatwar, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Hale  
NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned.

Wendy Flite, VEC Secretary