

## July 25, 2022, Environmental Commission Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Duerr, M. Duerr, McCarthy, Stippick  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandt, Doherty, Link  
ALTERNATES ABSENT: Cavone  
LIAISONS ABSENT: Doyle, Flaim  
GUESTS PRESENT: R. Duerr, B. Halpern and A. Wheeler

The July 25, 2022, meeting of the Township of Franklin Environmental Commission was both a live meeting in the municipal building conference room and a virtual meeting on Zoom. It was called to order by Mr. Stippick at 7:32 pm.

**I. Minutes:** Upon a motion by Mr. Stippick, seconded by Ms. M. Duerr, the minutes of the June 27, 2022, meeting were approved.

**II. Emergency Response and Management Report:** There were no emergency reports.

**III. Applications:** There were three **Planning Board** applications:

- A. PB 22-07 is for a change of tenant to a bakery (wholesale cookie operation) at Community Common. However, no application or information was received on this. A site plan waiver is requested. The EC's comments were 1) that although the applicants have a NJPDES permit, they will need to get approval from NJDEP for the change. Mr. Stippick will alert Rosemary about this.  
2) They will need septic approval from the county also.
- B. PB22-05 – Minor subdivision; Michael and Rochelle Carlino, 1895 Forest Grove Rd. Property is located at 1919 Forest Grove Rd. on which is a 2<sup>1/2</sup>-story dwelling; block 6804/lots 27 & 29. Application is for a Lot line adjustment. Together the property is 20.7 acres. Lot 27 is currently 1,295 ft. back from Forest Grove Rd. with 330 ft. of frontage. Lot 29 is also 1,295 ft in depth with a frontage of 240 ft. Lot 29 will become 315' deep and the balance of that property will be added to lot 27, making lot 29 1.7 acres in size and lot 27 19.0 acres in size.  
Environmental Commission comment was "No Comment."
- C. PB22-06-Minor subdivision; Debra B. Scavelli, 3013 Dutch Mill Rd. Property is located at Dutch Mill Rd. near White Oaks CC; block 6401/lots 27 & 28. Application is for a lot line adjustment to change the ownership of the land behind lot 28 (currently part of lot 27, totaling 1.7 acres) to the ownership of lot 28 (currently 1 acre). The resulting lots would be 1.8 acres (lot 28) and .9 acres (lot 27) with frontages of 203 ft (lot 28) and 180 ft (lot 27). There are existing dwellings on both lots.

Environmental Commission Comment: "No Comment."

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. Piney hollow:** Ms. Halpern reported that she still hasn't heard back from the CME Engineer so there is no news to report. The situation seems to be at the same point it was the last two months – that the Pinelands Commission responded to the most recent application but still wants some additional information. Mr. Stippick did not talk to Tim Doyle this past month to

see if Mr. Doyle can find out why this is taking so long but will do so this month. We are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the grant without any improvements on the ground.

**B. Malaga Lake Park: Moth Survey:** Mr. Stippick advised that there will be a moth survey at the park this Saturday, July 29 from 8:30 pm to 12:00 am. He and his friend, Jeff Mollenhauer, attended last Saturday's moth night at Scotland Run, which had about 50 attendees. There is also a moth night at Belleplain State Park this Friday (7/28). Our event at Malaga is posted on [ntionalmoth.org](http://ntionalmoth.org).

**C. Community Day:** Mr. Stippick reported that he has found a lot of images pertaining to our theme of lights at night. He also has a lot of photos. He will create poster boards with these. We will have pamphlets on light pollution that were found by Ms. M. Duerr and that we now have in hand. We will also have a tank with lake critters again, which is very popular. Mr. Stippick will ask Joe Arsenaault to help him collect water critters with the seine net.

Ms. McCarthy reported that she contacted ANJEC about borrowing one or more of the games that ANJEC has available for EC use, to add more activity to the booth. She will also arrange for use of the two display stands to be borrowed from the So. Jersey Land & Water Trust.

Staffing of the booth from 11 – 4: Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Stippick and Mr. E. Duerr will be available and Mr. R. Duerr will try to be available for set up and break down. Ms. McCarthy's brother and nephew will help with that, as well. Mr. Stippick will contact Colleen Blithe to see if she or her daughter can help again this year.

Mr. Stippick also advised that our CME Engineer, Jim Winkowski, has asked if some stormwater education can be added to the booth.

**V. New Business:** There was no new business.

**VI. Mail:**

A. NJDEP incident report was received about the Wawa site under construction in Franklinville of reported soil contamination – Benzo-a-pyrene concentration of 0.52 mg/kg detected at site. PI # 005888. A discussion ensued in which it was agreed that this is not surprising, given the use of the back part of the site for trucking storage and parking.

B. A letter from the Pinelands Commission was received about Application # 1989-1068.004, Anthony Pustizzi, Franklin Twp. Block 6703/lot 1 and Buena Bor. Block 101/lots 1.01 & 11.01 changing the hearing date from July 13 to Oct. 13, 2022.

**VII. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Ms. M. Duerr seconded by Ms. McCarthy, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne McCarthy, Acting Secretary.

**The next meeting of the Environmental Commission is on Monday, August 22, 7:30 pm.**