

**Greenwich Township Environmental Commission**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**321 Greenwich Street, Stewartsville, New Jersey 08886**

**MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**7:30 PM**

**AGENDA / MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call -**
  - Meeting Opened 7:45PM
  - Present: B.Glassman, T.Bolger, D.Scarbrough, M.Black, M.Davison, C.Pirotte, J.Gurneak
  - Absent: S.Harth
  
- 2. Nomination and election of 2007 positions**
  - Chairperson: B.Glassman
  - Vice-Chair: S.Harth
  - Treasurer: M.Black
  - Secretary: D.Scarbrough
  
- 3. Meeting Minutes approved** - no December meeting held
  
- 4. Correspondence**
  - To all GTEC members, on behalf of the Township Committee, J.Gurneak expressed sincere appreciation for the efforts and accomplishments of the Environmental Commission
  - ANJEC – Smart Planning Growth Grant information pamphlet
  - GTC requests EC budget proposal
  - MLC Outdoor Issues newsletter
  
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
  - In CY2006, EC used \$370 of the \$500 budget allocation
  - Need to get final figures for remaining funds which were donated for the Butterfly garden. This fund will continue to be used toward any costs for future additions or repair expenses of the Butterfly Garden.
  
- 6. Open Space Committee Report** – no new information to report
  
- 7. Planning Board Report**
  - Greenwich Planning Board requested that the County submit maps to the State with some changes that were needed in order to accurately reflect the hydrology report findings for Greenwich Township.

## **8. Board of Adjustment Report**

- Barry gave brief overview of Science of Soles application - not on agenda for Nov and Dec meetings, no further progress to report

## **9. Riparian Buffer Grant project – develop maintenance plan**

- Grace Messinger has requested that we seek final resolution from TC turning over the Riparian Buffer improvement area to the township with a plan developed to continue proper maintenance of the area. This will complete the Grant process and allow the Grant funds to be released.
- Tom will ask Township Clerk to have the maintenance plan put into the TC members folders for Feb meeting. Township will have to assume full responsibility for proper future maintenance and EC will continue to support the area through activities such as Earth Day.

## **10. New Business**

- Barbed wire still continues to remain along the back property line of the municipal park – Tom will prepare letter to Township Committee urging importance of it's removal (safety issue).
- Yard waste Recycling Program needs to be developed - start w/Christmas tree, the expand to other recyclables. Mulch can be used for maintaining park grounds. This should be regular agenda item. Check with other municipalities to see who might have a successful program already in progress, or for possibility of combined services
- Idea was raised about expanding EC membership – can/should we pursue expansion? A request to the TC would be required. Current EC size is probably based on state language – best to refer to township attorney. Barry recommends we follow-up and Joe will check with TC.
- Need to begin planning for Earth Day – add to Feb agenda. Carmen has volunteered to coordinate the educational aspect to enable the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade classes to participate again this year. Barry will check with Grace Messinger to see if there is a person available to help with the events, such as an Americorps Rep. Need to consider a theme or a purpose other than maintenance, but will likely focus on the riparian buffer and stream area.

## **11. Motion to Adjourn - adjourned 8:50 PM**

**Next regular meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup> , 2007**