

METUCHEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE June 18, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Metuchen Environmental Commission was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:36 PM at Borough Hall. Present were Chair Mark Herzberg, Steve Toth, Brian Weeks,, Pat Donahue, Ann Sardone, William Waldron, Thomas Rudel and John Leazer

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.
The minutes of the April 2008 meeting were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Four DEP Bulletins were received; however these did not pertain to Metuchen.
Correspondence dated April 4, 2008 from DEP indicating that a freshwater wetland has been identified at the former Boro Motors site.
Correspondence dated May 14, 2008 noting wetland delineation in the Liberty street area.

OLD BUSINESS

Thomas Pond

A number of reports have been received of good fishing at the pond.
An updated report on the water quality testing at the pond will be available in the near future.

Planning Board

Plans for a music studio and store were submitted for review.
The plans for the expansion of the former bike shop were reviewed, this plan includes two retail shops and two to three apts.

Dismal Swamp

Photos were placed in the display at the entrance way at Liberty Street.
Dumping and water backup continue to be a problem at the site; this issue will be brought to the attention of DPW.

Dog Park

Seventeen marchers, with four legs participated in the Memorial Day parade.
It appears the Edison twp is looking into the development of a dog park within the town

Tree Farm

An article outlining the value of municipal tree farms was sent to the administration.

Edgar School

The trees which were planted will need to be watered on a regular basis; a watering schedule will be established.

Recycling

A request was made to receive information on the towns recycling program to DPW. The issue of an electronics pickup to be associated with the town wide sale was again discussed.

Country Fair

Plans were made for a committee meeting in the near future.

Global Warming

Before site selection is made for the bike rack(s) contact will be made with the zoning dept.
Information on "Energy Audits" has been requested, and upon receipts these will be distributed to the proper municipal authorities.

Open Space

A discussion took place relative to the ownership of the Woodbrook pond site.

Greenway

There continues to be contract issues related to the development of the Greenway.

New Business

None

The meeting ended at 9:38 PM