HARMONY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
3003 BELVIDERE ROAD, PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY 08865
Phone: (908) 213 - 1600 Fax: (908) 213 - 1850

"Living Together in Harmony"

Harmony Township Environmental Commission
Meeting minutes for June 10, 2003

Harmony Township Municipal Building

Roll-call:

Present were: Karen Buckley (Chairperson), Tim Sullivan, Abigail Crouse, Harry Cosimano, Jim Wright, Brett Bragin (late) and Bill Rosebrock (late). Absent were: Dave Bruckman and Michael Hedlund

I. Opening:

Meeting opened in accordance with the Sunshine Law and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 PM.

II. Minutes:

The minutes of the May 13, 2003 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Tim and seconded by Harry. All were in favor of approval.

III. Correspondence: The following correspondence was received by all;

a) Meeting agenda
b) Warren County Smart Growth
c) Sewage sludge information from David Lewis web site (reviewed)
d) Information from The Fly Ash Research Center web site
e) Letter from Governor McGreevey to Karen Buckley of May 30, 2003 regarding Environmental Service Program grants. (reviewed)
f) Warren County Used Motor Oil Recycling/Disposal Program literature'

IV. Old Business:

A) The National Park Service Wild & Scenic Grant Application has been submitted.

B) Richard Dunlap Grant was discussed

V. New Business

A) Warren County Smart Growth meeting: An update on this meeting in May was given by Karen Buckley

B) Well water testing: A new laboratory was identified in Pennsylvania that would be considered for voluntary well water testing in Harmony Township. The lab agreed to perform V.O.C. testing if at least 6 to 8 wells

could be done, at a price of $75.00 for each well tested. Coliform and bacteria tests could also be performed for an additional $15.00 per well. The price for pesticide testing would run about $1000.00 and specific pesticides would need to be identified for testing. Karen is waiting for additional information on this program. Karen Buckley will ask the two members of the Harmony Township Committee if subsidizing funds could be made available from the township.

C) Sewage sludge information: Literature from the David Lewis web site was reviewed.

D) Fly Ash: Literature from the Fly Ash Research Center web site was reviewed.

E) Highlands letter to Lance and Doherty: The letters Karen Buckley proposed to be sent to Senator Lance and Assemblyman Doherty were discussed. These include asking their support for six bills that are currently in the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources committee.

F) Storm water presentation: Jennifer Gurdak agreed to attend the August 12, 2003 7:30 PM meeting of the Environmental Commission to present the new storm water rules. The Harmony Township Planning Board will also be invited.

G) Unified Environmental Services Group (UESG) presentation: The following representatives of Unified Environmental Services Group LLC were in attendance and presented the commission and general public with information about their organization, their current status and their future planned actions;

- Roger E. Tuttle, Senior Vice President Corporate Development
- Thomas Winant, P.E., Project Manager-Business Development
- Philip Will, Plant Manager

The following literature was also distributed by UESG;
- Planned Actions by Unified Environmental - outline
- ISO 9000 literature from the International Organization for Standardization web site
- Flow chart of processing steps used by UESG to produce PFRP granular product
- Literature from the Glatfelter web site (their supplier of lime materials)

Discussion points of the UESG presentation were as follows;

1. Mr. Tuttle discussed having detailed noise and air testing done. He told Rose Bojter that she would be able to get copies of all test results. He also said that the two old Hydropress dryers would never be run again.

2. Mr. Tuttle suggested the formation of a Quality of Life committee made up of the following representatives; 2 from UESG, 2 from the Harmony Environmental Commission, 2 Harmony citizens and 1 member from the NJDEP.

3. Karen Buckley asked a series of questions that were previously included in her letter to Mr. Tuttle, which has yet to be completed and formally replied to. The following points were discussed;

    a. Karen raised her concerns about Unified trucks running by grammar school at the time when high school students were being picked up by buses.

    b. Harry asked about UESG's Hazmat plan for handling spills. Tom said that they have a plan in place at this time.

    c. Karen asked about the lack of a back-up generator at the site. She was told that there is none at this time, however fire-fighting equipment was under pressure and can be used manually if necessary.

    d. Jim asked if their Hazmat plan covered chemical spills from trucks while on route to their site. Tom said that UESG would make sure that they know their supplier's emergency plans are.

e. Karen asked about the availability of MSDS sheets on Fly ask and Lime. UESG agreed to supply these on the pending information packet.

f. Karen asked about the current status of UESG's permits. Per Mr. Tuttle, , they went to the NJDEP and offered to resolve all old outstanding issues with Hydropress (Mr. Dana Taylor) so that they could move forward with their current issues and with a clean slate with the DEP. Mr. Tuttle also stated that UESG was in the closing process with Hydropress between March 2001 and April 14, 2002.

g. Karen asked about their expected daily truck traffic. Per Tom, UESG expects to have 100 tons or 5 trucks of bio solids and 3 trucks of fly ash inbound per day, and 8 trucks of finished product outbound per day. Also, if compost were added to their finished product, the numbers would go to 16 trucks both inbound and outbound per day. They may also have 1 truck of was materials outbound each week.

h. Karen asked if UESG would consider doing business (buy composted materials) with either Rotundi (sp) or Nature's Choice. Per Tom, they would only do business with a reputable company, and only deal with Class-C permitted recyclers.

i. Karen asked if MSDS sheets would be available on the final proposed 50/50 product. Per Tom, that final product would now be considered topsoil and no MSDS would be required. Mr. Tuttle said that the final product was already tested and that he would send a copy of the results to Karen.

j. Karen asked about the prospect of reviewing UESG's books. Tom said that such an inspection could be done at the proposed Quality of Life meetings.

k. Karen asked about a MSDS for the ZEPP container cleaner product that is being used. UESG said that they would supply one. Per Mr. Tuttle, they are also looking at GE Bets Company (sp) as a supplier. Per Tom, the masking product is biodegradable and lightly sprayed on the sides of the trucks. It comes in a concentrate and is mixed about 1 shot glass to a 5 gallon pail.

l. The subject of extending the building to fully enclose the trucks was discussed. It was assumed that this issue would need to come before the Harmony Planning Board.

m. UESG stated that the current facility blowers would be enclosed and that the trucks would not be allowed to use their own truck-based blowers.

n. Karen asked if the existing unused dryers would be removed from the site. Mr. Tuttle indicated that they would be.

o. Per Mr. Tuttle, UESG has hired consultants to run noise and VOC studies. They would like this work to start in the next 30 days. If test results are poor, UESG will fix the problems and re-run the tests. After results are satisfactory, UESG will run an additional series of tests following NJDEP protocols.

p. Mr. Tuttle asked the NJDEP if instead of paying over $150,000.00 in fines they could instead use the money to install monitoring equipment. The DEP said no and indicated they would like to have the money from the fines instead.

q. Karen said that she would write to mark Davis at the NJDEP to re-suggest that they allow the installation of air-monitoring equipment with fine monies.

r. Karen suggested that UESG have their wells tested now so that if the Dowel development is completed and their wells become contaminated, that UESG can prove that they were not the source of the pollution. Mr. Tuttle indicated that this was a good suggestion.

s. Karen suggested that the proposed Quality of Life committee be advertised to all Harmony citizens to encourage their participation. Tom agreed to do this within the next few weeks.

t. Karen asked Tom if UESG had information available on Class-A soil that would help to give the Environmental Commission a "comfort factor" with regard to their product. Tom discussed general issues regarding pathogens in Class A & B soils and manures.

u. Karen asked Mr. Tuttle what a "rendering house" was. Mr. Tuttle explained that "rendering" was the process of cooking the blood and bones of cows and other livestock.

v. Karen asked what the regular hours of operations would be at UESG. Mr. Tuttle explained the many variables involved in their operation and said that the details would be in their formal letter of response.

At the Unified Environmental Services Group discussion was concluded at 9:35 PM.

VI. Next Meeting

Subjects for the next Environmental Commission meeting scheduled for July 8, 2003 include; Dowel / Centex Homes issues, EIS and storm water concerns/issues; Environmental issues list to be distributed to potential land owners in Harmony.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 10, 2003 meeting of the Harmony Township Environmental Commission was adjourned. A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Sullivan and seconded by Harry Cosimano.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wright (substituting for Brett Bragin, Secretary)