

Montclair Environmental Commission

September 10th, 2008 Monthly Public Meeting Minutes
Edgemont Memorial Park Shelter House

Commissioners Present: William Dunnell, Steven Wright, Rita Singer, Howard Greenspan, Imke Oster, Jerry Marcus, Dan Nachman, James Sherman

Liaisons: Gray Russell, Cary Africk

Visitors: Tanya Drobness, Michael Yellin, Gary Obzarny, Roger Karapin, Pat Kenschaft, Katherine Weller

I. Formalities, Administration, Notices, Introductions

- a. July Meeting minutes - not distributed -
- b. October meeting- New date -Oct 15th @ 7:30pm
- c. Alternate Commissioner nominations – Michael Yellin forward recommendation to Council
- d. Imke Oster had a baby last week – Margeret

II. MEC Presentation – the upcoming Commission presentation to the Council was discussed and a draft outline was circulated (see attached)

- a. Comments
 - James – look at the order of presentation and put most important points first
 - Dan – incinerator contract coming up – environmental justice – 1999 discussion, 2000 signed
 - Michael Yellin – mention Green building codes
 - Roger – Bike Montclair – Transportation Committee – look for overlap with other efforts in town

III. Township Update on Water Supply and Sewer Issues

Gary Obsarny - runs water, sewer, renewables, energy updates

- a. new pumping station – going to bid Sept 18th - 705 Grove Street at north end – new electrical feeds, pumps, tank fill at night – peak shaving, 1000 hp diesel engine back-up/bypass energy, failsafe mode in case of communication failure. \$1.2 to \$1.8m state financing – piping work has already been completed on in the past 4 years avg 5.2million (range 3.5 to 13m. gals.)
- b. 2kw on turbines 2kw on solar panels – evaluate data from both systems
- c. Well water – 3 wells – water is blended with out-of-town reservoir source
- d. New mapping system installed – GIS – water well advance, sewer mapping just starting
- e. Midland Avenue example of manhole replacement – new ordinance
- f. Manholes drain capture drip plates to reduce infiltration into sewer system
- g. Smoke testing – to identify illegal connections and other problems

- h. Sewer utility pays for maintenance
- i. Water price – 60% of American Water
- j. Perchlorate – Rand well sampled twice: 6.7 and 5.3 ppb, DEP thinking of 5.0, dormant for three years now testing below 5.0. looking at Spill Fund monies. 18ppb in Nevada, 6 in California
- k. Energy Audit
 - i. Page 1 – 205 Claremont 8 is done, 7 is $\frac{3}{4}$ done, auto air valves to be replaced, economizer was boarded over, VAV boxes , Gary is doing other items beyond the Energy Audit, Gray to coordinate with Gary, Jerry Fried and Katherine Weller.

IV.Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide Implementation Update (Gray)

- a. Bike path easement grant application status – no response from DOT – had over 250 application thusfar
- b. Recycling brochure – done and on the town website, looking for printing
 - Permanent consumer electronic box at DPW
 - Ads on TV 34 – two showing ??
- c. Pay as you throw (removed from further Commission discussion)

V.Shade Tree Commission & Ordinance (William/Dan) involve other experts, planning, legal (Alan Tremulak, Ira Karasick).

VI.ANJEC/ACEEA

- a. Update on matching funding for recent recycling element grant (Dan) \$3,000 – Gray still looking at this – status unknown

VII.Update Reports

- a. Bonsal Park (Rita) Rich Murnick looked at it on Monday – meeting planned with Clifton
- b. Planning Commission (Dan) - application to sub-divide at very south end of town –owner wants to donate a parcel to the town Canterbury Park , town owns gas station in that neighborhood
- c. Leaf blower ordinance preparation update (Roger/Jerry) – include electric motors, phase in, reduce particulate matter, improve compliance, increase penalties
- d. Results from June 18 meeting on rulemaking for Solar Panels (Jerry) – Rebate system dead; credit costs have increased; 7-8 year payback to Twp; and no BPU payback.
- e. 2005 Energy Audit Review results(Jerry– *tabled to September meeting*)
- f. Lead content in artificial grass surface at sports fields (Steven) Township fields in compliance with State and Federal Lead standards. Now studying crumb rubber content.

VIII.Action Items for discussion with new Council and Mayor (from June and July meetings)

- a. Shade Tree Ordinance (after finalizing using forthcoming State template)
- b. Wildwood Tract/Open Space
- c. Leaf Blower Ordinance
- d. Energy Audit
- e. Recycling awareness

IX. New Ideas/Emergent Issues

- a. Katherine Weller (Town Council) recommends creating a taskforce to evaluate and recommend emergent technologies for Township energy efficiency.

X. Next Meeting: October 15th, 7:30 PM

XI. Adjourn

Sign-In Sheet

Present	Name	Title/Role	email	Telephone
	Cary Africk	Council Liaison		
X	William Dunnell	Co-Chair MEC		
X	Howard Greenspan	MEC Commissioner		
	Jerry Marcus	MEC Commissioner		
X	Dan Nachman	MEC Comm/Plan Bd.		
	Imke Oster	MEC Commissioner		
	Gray Russell	Township Liasion		
X	James Sherman	MEC Commissioner		
X	Rita Singer	MEC Commissioner		
X	Steven Wright	Co-Chair MEC		
X	Tanya Drobness	Montclair Times rptr.		
X	Michael Yellin	Public		
X	Roger Karapin	Public/ volunteer		
X	Gary Obsarny	Township - invited		