

**Maurice River Township
Brownfields Review Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

Present: Ken Whildin, Committeeman
Mark Pietrucha, Environmental Engineer, Woodard & Curran
Nancy Hamilton, Member
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Committeeman Whildin called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call Mr. Oliver, Absent
Mr. Whildin, present

Approval of Minutes from prior meetings of June 7th and June 27th, 2018.

Nancy Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7th and June 27th, 2018 meetings; seconded by Mr. Whildin. All members present were in favor.

Discussion Items

1. Discuss sending a letter to Nature Conservancy regarding their interest in acquiring the Cheli property.

Mr. Whildin presented that Cheli is 10 acres and that the township is using the \$200,000 USEPA and HDSRF grant funding to assess the property for contaminants. The Nature Conservancy could look at this as a plus because the ground work will be complete. Additionally the Nature Conservancy is presently working on the property they own that is adjacent to the Cheli property.

Mr. Pietrucha suggested to initiate the dialogue regarding Nature Conservancy acquiring the property. Points that may be of interest are that no substantial soil contamination has been found, the township consultant continues to work on the site and that all information obtained by the township through the assessment work could be made available to the Nature Conservancy. Additionally the Nature Conservancy would be eligible to apply for up to \$350,000 in cleanup grant funds through USEPA.

Mr. Whildin stated he will run this by the committee at the next township meeting to see if a letter should be sent to Nature Conservancy.

2. Update on Brownfields Projects

Mr. Pietrucha stated that there is not a lot to report since the September 5th meeting.

CHELI – NorthStar is being scheduled for the test pits in the suspected tank areas and maybe onsite the week of October 9th. The work to be conducted is test pits and possible tank closures. It was verified that the levels of EPH were not of concern. Additionally sampling will be done on the two newly identified areas of interest which maybe underground tanks. The levels of contamination at the site has been good so far.

ACKLEY – The ACOE representative reviewing the nationwide permit application has requested additional information regarding the excavation process and needs a report of the archaeological survey.

Both the NJDEP Permit #4 and ACOE Nationwide permit will be included in the bid specification. Alison Devine, USEPA representative will review the bid specification prior to advertising for the submittal of proposals.

It was discussed regarding tearing down the Ackley Garage; sooner than later due to its dilapidated condition. Mr. Pietrucha stated the sampling of the building materials to see if contaminants are present must be completed. It was discussed that if the building materials are shown to have contaminants than USEPA Cleanup funds could be used for the work. The sampling would not be covered by the USEPA cleanup grant.

It was discussed that sampling of the building could be done while the contractor is on site doing the soil remediation work. There is concern that with winter coming the building may collapse. The ‘drum’ previously identified as being in the building is not visible at this time.

Mr. Pietrucha stated presently they are at budget with this project. The timeline for moving forward is receipt of the Nationwide permit, request for bid proposals, review of the bids, and the onsite investigation/remediation. Additionally one monitoring well will need to be abandoned once it is excavated. Authorization from the Township Committee will be needed for additional funds to be utilized at the next Township Committee meeting.

SAPELLO – Mr. Pietrucha stated all documentation has been submitted as requested for the HDSRF grant funds application.

Mr. Pietrucha suggested to check on the 2009 Emergency funds from the NJEDA for the Sapello Foundry to verified that the funds were indeed received. The amount if \$99,889. The clerk will check with finance.

(Post note: it was verified that these funds were received from the NJEDA for the 2009 HDSRF grant)

Mr. Whildin questioned the flow of ground water in the area of the Sapello Foundry. Mr. Pietrucha stated the ground water flows from Broadway to the river; northeast to southwest.

It was further discussed that all contaminants at this site were found inside the fenced-in area; foundry building and the other large building.

Mr. Pietrucha stated that there is not a substantial ground water problem at this site and that the site is in Pinelands and therefore remediation is based on the background. It was further discussed that should this site be used for a non-residential use it would be good because it would not require as intense remediation. Mr. Whildin stated that the township is checking with Pinelands to see if this site could be used as a recycling center.

3. Update on Landfills

Mr. Pietrucha stated he sent an email today to Mr. Doyon to check on the status of the Landfill HDSRF grant application.

Comments

The annual FFR reports were submitted by the Municipal Clerk for both the USEPA Ackley Cleanup and Cheli Assessment grants. Mr. Pietrucha will submit the WBE/MBE reports prior to the due date.

Adjournment

Ms. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk