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PINELANDS COMMISSION MEETING
Richard J. Sullivan Center
Terrence D. Moore Conference Room
15 Springfield Road
New Lisbon, New Jersey

Minutes

May 9, 2008

Commissioners Present

Candace Ashmun, *Guy Campbell, *Leslie M. Ficcaglia, Paul E. Galletta, John A. Haas, Daniel M. Kennedy, Edward Lloyd, Robert McIntosh, and Vice-Chairman Norman F. Tomasello. Also present were Executive Director John C. Stokes and Deputy Attorney General Amy Donlin.

*Commission members Guy Campbell and Leslie M. Ficcaglia attended the meeting via conference call.

Commissioners Absent

William Brown, Robert Hagaman, Stephen Lee, Francis A. Witt and Chairperson Betty Wilson.

Vice-Chairman Tomasello called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Deputy Attorney General Donlin read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Mr. Stokes called the roll.

The Commission and public in attendance pledged allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes

Vice-Chairman Tomasello presented the April 11, 2008, Part II, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Galletta moved the adoption of the minutes. Commissioner Ashmun seconded the motion.

The Commission adopted the minutes by a vote of 9 to 0.

Committee Chairs' and Executive Director's Reports

CMP Policy and Implementation Committee Meeting

Vice-Chairman Tomasello reported that the CMP Policy and Implementation Committee met on April 25, 2008 and adopted the minutes of the April 11, 2008 meeting.

The Committee recommended Commission certification of the following ordinances: Rezoning in Egg Harbor and Galloway Township and Stormwater Plans and Ordinances for the Boroughs of Chesilhurst and Medford Lakes and the Townships of Lacey, Mullica, Southampton and Woodland.

The Committee discussed revisions to some Fiscal Year 2008 Work Plan items.

Mr. Horner indicated that the Public and Governmental Programs Committee did not meet last month.

Personnel and Budget Committee Meeting

Vice-Chairman Tomasello asked Mr. Stokes to report on the last Personnel and Budget Committee meeting.

Mr. Stokes stated that the Personnel and Budget Committee met on May 1, 2008 and adopted the minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting.

The Committee discussed the resolution "To Revise the Pinelands Commission Personnel Policies." Mr. Stokes discussed the revised "Procedures for Instituting Reductions in Force." A revised procedure was necessary to reflect the changes that have occurred since the previous policy was instituted in 1991. Mr. Stokes explained that the new procedures require that minor clarifications be made in the personnel policies. After discussing the revision, the Committee unanimously recommended Commission approval of the resolution.

The Committee received an update on the preliminary FY 2009 budget. Ms. Connor went over the preliminary year end projections of the operating budget. She also described the decrease in interest rates.

Mr. Stokes provided an update on the FY 2009 budget. The Commission officially submitted a resolution to the State to provide for Commission health benefit costs to be paid from State interdepartmental funds. Mr. Stokes explained that the Commission would normally be further

along in the budget process. However, it is difficult to move forward because of the financial uncertainty. He is also not in the position to prepare a draft work plan. He then discussed several projects and activities that have and/or will need to be cut due to the Commission operating with 11% fewer staff than authorized.

The Committee received an update on the check register and electronic funds transfer (EFT) disbursements for April 2008.

The Committee received updates on employee actions for April 2008, Fenwick Manor Renovations, and application fees.

A closed session was held to discuss confidential personnel matters. The Committee was also updated on the CWA, Local 1040.

Commissioner McIntosh indicated that the Science Committee is scheduled to meet following today's Commission meeting.

Commissioner Ashmun asked what needs to be done to get the Commission's benefits switched to the interdepartmental accounts.

Mr. Stokes replied that the Administration's budget proposal would have to be amended by the Legislature. Staff submitted a budget resolution which identifies the changes for that to occur. It is unclear whether or not the administration will forward that budget resolution to the Legislature at this point. He said that ultimately the Legislature would have to approve the change.

Commissioner Lloyd asked if this budget resolution was included in the Personnel and Budget Committee packet.

Mr. Stokes replied that it was included in the Personnel and Budget Committee packet and staff can distribute to the full Commission if it would like.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Stokes reported on the following items:

The Commission may be asked to consider the proposed resolution that was distributed to Commissioners last week to amend the Commission's personnel policies. It is not listed on the agenda today because staff is currently waiting to see if the Communication Workers of America accepts the proposal.

A memorandum was distributed to the Commission identifying fourteen projects that have either been deferred or delayed due to the vacant staff positions.

Ms. Grogan prepared a memorandum to the Commission describing the activity in the Commission's waiver of strict compliance program over the course of the past year.

Ms. Grogan stated that the Commission approved ten waivers of strict compliance during the last reporting period which is through May. She said that only one of those would have been affected by the amendments that took effect in May of 2006, which reduced PDC obligations. As projected by staff, it is only a small number of applicants that are affected.

Mr. Stokes continued with his report indicating that Governor Corzine has nominated Commissioners Campbell and Lloyd for reappointment and nominated Robert Jackson from Cape May County as a new member.

Staff continues to work on the budget. Fees for this year may end up being slightly higher than what had been projected but investment income is down quite significantly. In terms of staffing, Christine Graziano, resource planner, has resigned and this vacancy will not be filled. This reduces the Commission's planning office by two planning positions which will have an effect on ongoing work. The State Office of Management and Budget has asked all state departments and agencies to give them additional information on a possible additional cut in appropriations between 5 and 10 percent. This would be a very significant problem for the Commission to overcome if we were asked to absorb an additional cut. In terms of the budget resolution, staff is having discussions with lower level staff within the Office of Management and Budget on this resolution along with other alternatives which might accomplish the same result.

Mr. Stokes stated that he had hoped to discuss recommendations for initiatives and activities for the coming fiscal year (work plan) today, but because the budget situation and the work plan are so fluid, he is not in a position to do this today.

Dr. Zampella is scheduled to brief to the Commission today on the Ecological Integrity Assessment (EIA). Since a number of Commission members were not able to attend today's meeting, Mr. Stokes will ask Dr. Zampella to schedule a second presentation. This EIA is currently being examined by the Commission's Planning office to see what types of changes in the management area designations would be justified based on the assessment. Mr. Liggett hopes to have a preliminary set of recommendations for the Commission within the next couple of months.

A Science Committee meeting will be held following the Commission meeting today.

Mr. Horner reported on the following item:

Staff has been working with Jackson Township officials with regard to the Township's installation of an artificial surface recreational field prior to completing an application with the Commission. Staff continues to work with the Township to try and resolve this issue. He will be meeting with the Mayor of Jackson Township next Wednesday with regard to this matter.

Mr. Liggett reported on the following items:

The Commission's consultant on the Long Term Septic Management Program will brief DEP on the status of this program on May 27. This briefing will also be presented to the Public and Governmental Programs Committee.

The Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) has recently adopted its third round rules. Staff has been receiving calls from towns regarding the rules.

Commissioner Galletta asked Mr. Horner if he is opposed to artificial turf. He noted that there are some fields in the Pinelands that are presently using this turf.

Mr. Horner replied that staff is not opposed to artificial surface fields. The primary issue that is delaying the Jackson Township application is a stormwater management issue. Staff has also asked the Township to address the artificial surface field in its application prior to submitting it to the Commission.

Commissioner Galletta asked if the Governor's nomination of Robert Jackson will officially be the fifteenth member on the Commission.

Mr. Stokes replied that the Governor's announcement does not say anything about the position.

Commissioner Galletta referred to Mr. Stokes' memorandum regarding beneficial reuse of wastewater and asked if he was not going to entertain other reuse ideas.

Mr. Stokes replied that any wastewater which is treated in the Pinelands is required to be land applied within a designated development area. Any proposal that was advanced to staff that met those requirements, staff would gladly entertain. The question here dealt with the reuse of treated wastewater in areas outside development areas and to explore a pilot program whereby golf courses could use it for irrigation. He said that there will come a time when golf courses will not have enough water for irrigation because DEP is cutting back on water allocation permits. Staff felt that this was a win/win situation for golf courses. He said this would allow the Commission to test the environmental impact of the use of the treated wastewater in these more conservation oriented areas.

Commissioner Ashmun asked if a golf course or anyone else in the designated development areas came along would the Commission still require the monitoring that it would if they were outside of those areas.

Mr. Stokes replied no but stated that the typical monitoring that is required by DEP would apply. It wouldn't be quite as comprehensive as what the Commission envisioned under this pilot program.

Commissioner Ashmun said that this is an important distinction to make.

Vice-Chairman Tomasello thanked Commissioners Ficcaglia and Campbell for calling in and joining the meeting. He further congratulated both Commissioner Campbell and Lloyd on their nomination for reappointment.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Harry Monesson, Pemberton Township, said that there are a lot of stormwater issues on the agenda, which should focus on antiquated infrastructure needing upgrading and implementation of new technologies for flow surge use.

Development Review Matters

Review of Public Development Projects

Mr. Stokes stated that Application Numbers 1987-1058.055, Federal Aviation Administration, 1996-1396.002, New Jersey Forest Service, and 2007-0427.001, Monroe Township Board of Education, are applications for public development recommended for approval with conditions.

Commissioner Kennedy moved the adoption of the Resolution Approving with Conditions Applications for Public Development (Application Numbers 1987-1058.005, 1996-1396.002 and 2007-0427.001). (See Resolution #PC4-08-40 attached). Commissioner Galletta seconded the motion.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Stokes stated that Application Number 1984-0345.009, Camden County, is an application for public development recommended for approval with conditions.

Vice-Chairman Tomasello asked where this development is located.

Ms. Ronda Ward replied that the proposed tower will be located behind the Winslow Township Municipal Building.

Commissioner McIntosh moved the adoption of the Resolution Approving with Conditions an Application for Public Development (Application Number 1984-0345.009). (See Resolution #PC4-08-41 attached). Commissioner Ashmun seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ashmun asked how this tower fits in with the plans for all towers.

Mr. Liggett replied that when a new tower comes in staff will ask them to look at any structures within the vicinity that they can use. He said that staff does not update the plans to keep track of those.

Commissioner Lloyd asked if 300-foot is a typical height of a tower.

Mr. Liggett replied that a tower is tall as it needs to be to broadcast the signal. Cell towers tend to be between 110 feet and 200 feet. Staff uses 200 feet as a maximum in the height restricted areas because towers above 200 feet require navigational devices. This tower will have navigational devices and lighting for the FAA. Height for towers is unregulated in Regional Growth Areas.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Stokes stated that Application Number 2006-0265.002, Stafford Township Water & Sewer Utility Department, is an application for public development recommended for approval with conditions.

Commissioner Haas moved the adoption of the Resolution Approving with Conditions an Application for Public Development (Application Number 2006-0265.002). (See Resolution #PC4-08-42 attached). Commissioner Galletta seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ashmun asked if this fits within an allocation permit that the applicant already has.

Mr. Stokes replied that he believes that is correct.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Stokes stated that Application Number 2006-0025.001, New Jersey Department of Transportation, is an application for public development and certificate of appropriateness recommended for approval with conditions.

Commissioner Kennedy moved the adoption of the Resolution Approving with Conditions an Application for Public Development and a Certificate of Appropriateness (Application Number 2006-0025.001). (See Resolution #PC4-08-43 attached). Commissioner Haas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lloyd said that the bridge is 172 feet long but the project seems to be 1500 feet long. He asked if this is all in an existing paved area.

Ms. Ward replied that the applicant needs to do repaving associated with the bridge replacement.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Stokes stated that Application Number 1987-1058.056, Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center, is an application for public development recommended for approval with conditions.

Commissioner Ashmun moved the adoption of the Resolution Determining Consistency of a Proposed Public Development with the Standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (Application Number 1987-1058.056). (See Resolution #PC4-08-44 attached). Commissioner Haas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lloyd referred to the biota assessment that is underway and asked if staff has any data from that assessment.

Mr. Horner replied that staff does not have data from that assessment yet.

Commissioner Lloyd asked if the assessment will continue in the new area.

Mr. Horner replied that is correct.

Commissioner Lloyd said that this is an approval for the new areas, but staff does not know yet whether or not it is affecting the biota.

Mr. Horner said that there are representatives here today from FAA and if the Commission would like he can ask them to provide a brief overview of the activity.

Vice-Chairman Tomasello asked the representatives from FAA to brief the Commission on this application.

Mr. Tom Hupf with the FAA Technical Center said that he works in the superfund program. They have a \$25 million superfund treatment facility which they have been building over the last 6 to 7 years. Unfortunately the funding has been segmented and they have had to build it in allotments. They had the biota monitoring ongoing for about 5 years in the areas in which they thought they would be installing sprinkler systems and extracting ground water for treatment. Their projection indicates that a plume of contaminated solvents is next to the stream which will have to be extracted, thereby lowering groundwater levels in the streams and the adjoining wetlands. They have tried to come up with a system that will balance that through a series of wetland sprinklers and there is a monitoring program going on for biota and establishing a wetlands hydrology monitoring system right now. He said that there have been some technological issues that arose during the course of the project; one of the main things is the ejection wells have not worked. There is a 10 to 15% success rate with those wells because there are a lot of clay lenses that arise in places that one can't predict. There have also been some problems with ground water quality. The DEP previously had required them to discharge pH7 water back into the formations when background levels are generally around 4.5 to 5. This time through FAA wants to recharge at the background pH levels to try to get an equalization of the groundwater. He said that they have had some big technical problems with ejection wells and this is why they had to come up with alternate recharge method.

Commissioner Lloyd asked how long they expect this treatment program to last.

Mr. Hupf replied that the treatment plant would be on line for a number of years.

Vice-Chairman Tomasello asked if the 6 ½ acres for the enlarged spray field are in woods or in open land.

Mr. Hupf replied that the area is a regrown forest, an area that was disturbed by the Navy when they occupied the facility. He said that they have submitted landscaping plans for the whole area with native Pinelands species.

Commissioner Kennedy said that in June 2004, the Commission approved an application with conditions and asked if those conditions are similar to what is attached here.

Mr. Horner replied yes, for the most part. The substantive conditions are almost identical. A couple of conditions were added in this report.

Commissioner Galletta asked why the pH is at 7 when it is ejected back into the water. He asked if this is the Commission's or DEP's requirement.

Mr. Hupf replied that this was DEP's requirement previously. A new permit has been negotiated with DEP that allows them to recharge at background levels.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Commissioner McIntosh left the meeting temporarily at this time.

Other Development Review Matters

Mr. Stokes stated that there were three PDC Letters of Interpretation issued this month allocating 0.35 PDCs to a total of 52.6 acres. There were two Letters of Interpretation issued for wetlands delineation. There were also three recreation permits issued this month.

Commissioner Ashmun referred to recreation permits and asked if the applicant is required to give the Commission a letter permitting the use of private property prior to approving their application.

Mr. Horner replied that a letter is required prior to approval.

Resolutions Relating to Municipal Ordinances

Stormwater Management Plan and Ordinance: Full Certification

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify the December 2007 Stormwater Management Plan of the Borough of Chesilhurst. (See Resolution #PC4-08-45 attached).

Commissioner Ashmun moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Galletta seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify the September 2007 Stormwater Plan and Ordinance 07-23, Creating Chapter 292 (Stormwater Regulations for Pinelands Areas) of the Code of Lacey Township. (See Resolution #PC4-08-46 attached).

Commissioner Kennedy moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Ashmun seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify the March 2008 Stormwater Management Plan of the Borough of Medford Lakes, and Ordinances 533 and 544, Amending the Code of the Borough of Medford Lakes. (See Resolution PC4-08-47 attached).

Commissioner Galletta moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify the November 2006 Stormwater Management Plan of Mullica Township and Ordinances 13-2006, 15-2006 and 3-2008, Amending Chapters 144 (Land Development) and 200 (Stormwater Control) of the Code of Mullica Township. (See Resolution #PC4-08-48 attached).

Commissioner Galletta moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Lloyd seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify Ordinance 2008-4 Amending Ordinance 2007-15 and the Code of Southampton Township. (See Resolution #PC4-08-49 attached).

Commissioner Ashmun moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify Woodland Township's January 2008 Stormwater Plan and Ordinance 2008-1. (See Resolution #PC4-08-50 attached).

Commissioner Kennedy moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Haas seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Other Municipal Ordinances:

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify Ordinance 4-2008, Amending Chapter 225 (Zoning) of the Code of Egg Harbor Township. (See Resolution #PC4-08-51 attached).

Commissioner Ashmun moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Galletta seconded the motion. The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution Issuing an Order to Certify the July 2007 Master Plan Update of Galloway Township and Ordinances 1726-2007, 1727-2007, 1740-2008, 1742-2008

and 1743-2008, Amending Chapter 233 (Land Management) of the Code of Galloway Township. (See Resolution #PC4-08-52 attached).

Commissioner Galletta moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Lloyd seconded the motion.

Ms. Grogan stated that these are minor rezonings in Galloway Township. The Township has expanded its town commercial zone, rezoning some land from residential to a commercial zone within the Pinelands Town portion of Galloway. This extended the commercial zone up to the boundary with Egg Harbor City in the hopes of taking advantage of some redevelopment activities that may occur within Egg Harbor City. The other zoning changes involve a clarification of the boundary between a residential zone in the Rural Development Area and a highway commercial zone in the Regional Growth Area. The changes before the Commission today would adjust the line slightly in two or three different places to follow lot lines rather than the 1000 foot set back. The net result is a small increase in the Rural Development Area.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

Other Resolutions of the Commission

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution To Revise the Pinelands Commission Personnel Policies (see Resolution #PC4-08-53 attached).

Copies of the resolution were distributed to Commission members and the general public.

Mr. Stokes said that the resolution being distributed to Commission members is the same resolution that was distributed to the members last week.

Commissioner Ashmun moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Lloyd seconded the motion.

Mr. Stokes went through the resolution for the Commission. He said that the Commission is in negotiations with the Communication Workers of America (CWA) on a new contract. The Commission is also facing a significant budget challenge this fiscal year. In order to position itself for any outcome, he felt that staff needed to look at the procedures that are used if indeed, the Commission is forced to further reduce its staffing. The Commission has an established policy in its officially adopted Personnel Policies manual that governs reductions in force. This procedure dates back to 1991 and there have been a number of changes in other parts of the Commission's personnel classification system. He said that when he went back and looked at the old procedure, he said that he felt that it should be updated in at least a couple of respects. He consulted with the Commission's labor counsel and suggested that staff present those suggestions to the CWA negotiation team for their review. It also seemed to him that the procedures governing bumping needed to be updated. He said that he also felt that the existing procedures and the policy were not in the best interest of the Commission's employees. Bumping privileges were almost non-existent and that there should be a greater opportunity to

do this. Therefore, some changes were made. He noted, however, that there won't be much opportunity for bumping in such a small organization. The proposal was reviewed with CWA and we asked them whether they agreed with those changes so that they could be presented to the Commission today. He said that, if the Commission agrees with the changes today and if they go through the Governor's review period, the procedures would be in effect before the Commission would have to institute any reduction in force, if one is required. If these do not get approved today, he will have to follow the 1991 procedures, but would have the authority to make what adjustments to fit the current personnel system. The Commission's counsel has confirmed CWA's approval and recommended that the Commission consider the changes.

Commissioner Lloyd referred to the job families and interchangeable job families and asked if these are the decisions that Mr. Stokes will have to make.

Mr. Stokes replied yes.

Commissioner Lloyd asked if this will give more flexibility to the staff in bumping privileges.

Mr. Stokes replied yes and provided an example to the Commission.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0. Commissioner McIntosh was not present for the vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. with Commissioners Campbell and Ficcaglia leaving the meeting.

Public Comment on any Matter Relevant to the Commission's Statutory Responsibilities
Other Agenda Items

Mr. Russell Juelg from the Pinelands Preservation Alliance offered testimony to the Commission concerning vegetation issues (see testimony attached).

Mr. Carleton Montgomery from the Pinelands Preservation Alliance announced a new series of presentations, lectures and field trips called the Pinelands Heritage Series in which PPA, in partnership with the Tuckerton Seaport and the Ocean County Cultural Heritage Commission have put together. He said that they also received help from Burlington County although they are not an official sponsor. It will run from May through November. They hope it will become an ongoing way to educate the public about heritage issues in the Pinelands. He distributed brochures and invited everyone to attend the events.

Mr. Harry Monesson from Pemberton Township stated that the Governor's plan for natural resource energy production has been released to the public this morning. He said that he hopes that this Commission will realize the importance of this valuable natural resource of energy production.

Commissioner Ashmun referred to the approval of the bridge and others and the conditions that speak of landscaping adhering to the requirements of the CMP, and asked if there is something different between that and what PPA is bringing to the Commission's attention.

Mr. Stokes replied that his perspective is that the regulatory programs staff does its best to follow the CMP regulations and, as is the case with many approvals, there are conditions attached. One of the difficulties staff has is the ability to monitor and to enforce conditions. It is fairly limited. When staff finds out that a violation has occurred, it follows up, but it doesn't have the resources to go out and monitor every construction project.

Commissioner Ashmun said that she understands that but just wanted the public to know that the conditions do say what an applicant has to abide by and the Commission does the best it can.

Mr. Horner said that one of the difficulties staff frequently encounter is that, when the contractor starts to construct the road project, it is difficult for anyone to monitor grass seed mixtures and to monitor where the soil and fill material is coming from.

Other Agenda Items

Presentation by Dr. Robert Zampella – Environmental Integrity Assessment

Mr. Stokes stated that the Environmental Integrity Assessment may be the most important undertaking of this Commission since the original adoption of the CMP. This is the first comprehensive reexamination of the natural resource information which drove the original CMP and, most notably, the Commission's decisions about where growth should and shouldn't occur. The Science office has spent the last couple of years examining this and has briefed the Commission's Science Commission on the methodology which leaves no stone unturned. The results of this analysis are now being examined by the Commission's planning office in an effort to identify areas where staff believes the Commission might wish to consider changes in management area designations and perhaps some of its other land use policies.

Dr Zampella, through a power point presentation, went through the assessment for the Commission. (See presentation attached).

Vice-Chairman Tomasello stated that the Commission will now have a special presentation regarding the new Pinelands National Reserve brochure. He asked Commissioner McIntosh to provide some comments about the brochure.

Commissioner McIntosh stated that this project has been a long time coming. He said that it is his pleasure to formally introduce to the Commission the brochure noting that it has been a collaborative effort between the National Park Service, the Pinelands Commission and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry. It is a moment of great pride and accomplishment and it is a signature moment for any unit of the National Park System to have a new or updated brochure delivered. It is a public piece that gives identity, it's branded with traditional branding marks of the Park Service brochures and it has common identity to anybody who visits national parks throughout the country. It was a team effort led by Phil Correll (National Park Service)

and supported by Lynn Sibley and Mark Muse (Harper's Ferry Center), Margaret O'Neil (Division of Parks & Forestry), and Joel Mott and Paul Leakan (Pinelands Commission).

He thanked the staff for all the support and collaborated work on behalf of the National Park Service and the Commission. He said that this is part of a 1988 legislation enacting the Pinelands Interpretative Program and giving the authority to the Park Service to work in partnership with the Commission and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry with respect to enhancing the public understanding and awareness and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of the Pinelands. He said that today the wayside exhibits and kiosk that have been set up throughout the Pinelands and six of the state forest areas as well as some other locations and the signage that is now enjoyed passing in and out of the Pinelands are a result of that program. Funding came from the Interpretive Program office as well as \$13,000 from the NPS Challenge Cost Share Program and the Commission's matched in-kind services. The brochure will be available to the public and on web sites as well and hope that it will be an invaluable resource to raising awareness and appreciation. He asked Mr. Correll to make the formal unveiling of the brochure.

Mr. Correll unveiled the brochure. He commented on the threatened closure of Brendan T. Byrne State Forest which is highlighted in the brochure as one of the six official Pinelands interpretative program destinations. He said that he was pleased to learn that these threatened closures seem now to be off the table. He said that the Pinelands long deserved a National Park Service brochure. He said that some of the planning that he has been involved in for this brochure began as far back as 2002. They had to gather the funds and write a cost share program grant to cover the printing for the brochure. The Pinelands Commission agreed to manage the fiscal side of the project and to contract with the National Park Service Harper's Ferry design center. He said that this is nearly a two year process and it has been an honor for him to manage this project with such wonderful collaboration among the Park Service, Pinelands Commission, and Division of Parks and Forestry. He acknowledged the team again. He thanked Ms. Sibley and said that it was a pleasure to work with her on this brochure. This brochure joins 400 other similar brochures available for National Park Service units across the country. He said that regulation can only go so far in protecting the natural and cultural resources within the Pinelands and one of the best ways to protect the Pinelands is to engender in visitors and residents alike an awareness of how special this region is. They believe that protection comes from stewardship and stewardship comes from an awareness and appreciation. They trust and hope that this new brochure will go a long way to build support for this very special place in this 30th anniversary year of the founding of the Pinelands National Reserve.

Vice-Chairman Tomasello congratulated and thanked everyone on the hard work that was done to create the new brochure.

Commissioner Ashmun moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Galletta seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Nadine B. Young,
Executive Assistant to the Commission

Date: _____