

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, April 13, 2010, @ 6:30 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building (COB)</p>		<p>Cynthia M. Parr, Chief Administrative Services 225 N Center Street, Room 300 Westminster, MD 21157-5194 Telephone: 410-386-2232 Fax: 410-386-2485 cparr@ccg.carr.org</p>
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Members Present:

Robyn Gilden, Chair
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
Dan Andrews
Sandy Zebal
Chris Spaur
Richard Haddad
David Pyatt
Karen Merkle

Members Absent:

Brian Rhoten

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Terri Jones, Esquire, CAO
Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary

Jason Green, Permits & Inspections
Mike Evans, Department of Public Works

Other Attendees:

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the April 13, 2010, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. asking for approval of the March 9, 2010 minutes.

<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> – MOTION NO. 105 -10: Motion was made by David Pyatt, seconded by Sandy Zabel, approving the minutes. Motion carried.</p>

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications were received this month.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Jason Green – Acting Code Official, Permits and Inspections**

Mr. Green spoke about wind turbines in the county. There are 28 permits with 26 turbines in use at this time. There is a \$25.00 application fee and a plot plan is required. There is also an electrical fee. The cost for the wind turbine can range from \$15,000 to \$85,000. The tallest wind turbine is 135 feet tall. Grants have been used to fund these. The main frustration is that the state money is slow in getting to the owner.

Mr. Green also informed the committee that there are 15 Solar Systems in the county. There is a plumbing fee of \$25 for each application. There is also an electrical fee.

The Ordinance regarding Wind Turbines and Solar systems is on the County website.

Dan Andrews then commented that he feels tracking data is needed regarding the wind turbines. Also, there is newer technology with less vibration being developed for the wind turbines.

2. **Mike Evans – Director, Department of Public Works**

Mr. Evans came to speak for Maria Myers, Bureau Chief, Solid Waste Management who had another commitment. He gave a hand-out (see attachment) to everyone with, information regarding Calendar Year 2008 Waste rates and Recycling Efforts. Commercial recycling is up 4%; Curbside is up 24%; Municipalities up 4%; and Schools up 27%. A \$419,000 grant was received to purchase wheeled recycling containers.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Environmental Awareness Awards – Kim Petry will send the tally for the awards to Vivian Laxton next week. April 29 will be the awards ceremony with the Commissioners at their regular meeting. There was discussion about having the winners pay for their award. The council does not have money to give the glass trophies this year. There was also discussion about giving trees to be planted to the winners. Kim will take care of these decisions. Dan Andrews volunteered to ask the Board of the Sustainable Living Fair to sponsor the awards.
- b. Tree Commission-Dan Andrews gave the report since Brian Rhoten was not at this month's meeting. Jonathan Bowman, the Carroll County Forest Conservation Specialist, met to discuss the Ordinance changes.
- c. House Bill 1112 and Senate Bill 9251 – Green Building Tax Credit passed in the General Assembly today. The governor has until June 1st to sign them. The Code needs to be written. No applications for commercial buildings have been received yet.

NEW BUSINESS-None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS –

1. An Energy Saving Expo is being held on Saturday, April 24 9:00-1:00. The Expo is being held at Carroll Community College. Representatives from Energy Companies will be on hand to discuss their rates and how to save citizens money on their monthly electric bills.
2. Mr. Charles Zeleski will be giving a presentation on Rabies next month.
3. Mike Evans will be returning with more information and answers to questions related to the Waste-to-Energy project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Ms. Gilden announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, an **afternoon** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004

<u>ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 106-10:</u> Motion made by Dave Pyatt, seconded by Karen Merkle, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend