

**Chatham County Environmental Review Board (ERB)
Minutes for October 22, 2009 Meeting: 6:30 pm
Dunlap Classroom**

ERB members present: Elaine Chiosso, Tara Allden, Martha Girolami, Sonny Keisler, Hal House, Raj Butalia, Steve Wing, Catherine Bollinger, Allison Weakley
Staff: Fred Royal

1. Approval of meeting minutes from September 24, 2009. Elaine moved to accept; second by Sonny; all approved.
2. Public input: none
3. Staff report:

a. **NE Park Schematic Update:**

Fred presented a 60% complete construction drawing depicting the current plan for NE Park. The drawings differed significantly from previous iterations of the Park, especially with regard to the placement and elevation of the soccer field, the corresponding perimeter slope from the soccer field, and the proposed removal of many large, old oak trees.

After much discussion, Elaine moved to submit recommendations for minimizing the anticipated effects of the above to the commissioners; Catherine seconded the motion. Motion passed with one dissenting vote from Allison) on the basis that the changes were so significant that a new EA should be required.

Follow up: Recommendations were submitted to the BOC.

b. **Bynum Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

Fred began the discussion of issues regarding the Bynum WWTP, including high amounts of urea and biological oxygen demand (BOD) and the problems presented by the fluctuating needs of Perry Harrison. Additionally, it appears that some residential septic systems in Bynum may have problems due to age or limited space.

Catherine moved that the ERB begin the process for solving Bynum WWTP issues that are substantial and well known and explore possible funding avenues, including grants. Elaine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. **Landfill:**

Fred stated that the BOC is committed to a landfill and current considerations are a state hearing and whether the landfill should be regional or local. Fred has been tasked with looking into the leachate from the landfill.

d. **Forthcoming Subdivision Applications:**

Fred notified the ERB that two subdivision applications have been submitted – rezoning request for a cell tower site and phase 4 of Shambley Meadows – for review by the ERB. These applications were submitted within 60 days of the ERB's December

meeting. Discussion was had as to whether or not the ERB may review the applications sooner than December. Fred was to follow up with county attorney. Items tentatively placed on the agenda for November meeting.

4. Sludge Update:

Steve Wing had no new information regarding sludge except to note that communications with Commissioner Lucier and the Board of Health are needed.

5. Watershed Review Board Update:

The subcommittee (Tara, Fred, Martha and Sonny) met August 13 in Fred's office. It was discovered that the state has model rules of procedure within the watershed/water supply rules. Tara suggested a meeting with Jeb Rose to begin process of modifying the model rules for Chatham County.

6. ERB News & Logistics:

- a. Next meeting will be November 19, 2009.
- b. Mike Dunn has resigned from the ERB. Need to begin process of bringing a new member to the ERB.
- c. *Martha was elected secretary.*
- d. Elaine moved that Catherine remain vice-chair. Sonny seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Climate Change Subcommittee:

Several members of the ERB have attended climate change lecture series at UNC (<http://www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/pdep/wbi/index.htm>). Elaine noted the presenter's comments on the principal of "no regrets" –policies and environmental protections can be pushed for dual or multiple purposes in addition to climate change (example given of closing coal plants to reduce carbon AND mercury emissions).

8. Other Updates from ERB Members:

- a. With regard to the appeal of the NPDES permit on the Rocky River – the administrative law judge supported DWQ's calculations of direct and indirect impacts.
- b. Jordan Lake Boundary – Durham County Commissioners approved the map and zoning revision that will change the lake boundary. HRA is contesting their invalidation of zoning protest petition.
- c. Catherine – update on Chatham Conservation Partnership activities.
- d. Fred – County must submit a Stage I stormwater plan by December 31, 2009 in order to comply with Jordan Lake rules.

Allison moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sonny and passed unanimously.