

Meeting Minutes

Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC)

February 9th, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Staff: Hollie Squires the Recording Secretary to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee and Rachael Thorn Watershed Protection Director.

Members Present: Jeannie Ambrose, Mary Beth Koza, Elaine Chiosso, Heather Holley, Alicia Koblansky, Frank Stillo, Amy Fulford, Andrew Clark, Jeanette Ragland

Guests: David and Greg Stinson adjacent property owners, Diana Hales and Ace Gary

1. Call to Order @6:30 pm

2. Virtual Meeting Guidelines

- Please keep microphones muted.
- Use the Chat Function if microphones fail or for connectivity issues.

3. Approval of meeting minutes - December 2022 minutes approved via Roll Call. Motioned by Jeannie Ambrose and seconded by Alicia Koblansky. Approved via roll call.

4. Vote for Chair and Vice-chair moved to next meeting.

5. Public Input.

- **Ace** is concerned about the enforcement process for wetlands and environmental impacts in Chatham County.
 - **Rachael Thorn** explained if a project has known and proposed wetland impacts, they must go through the Army Corps of Engineers and do their 401/404-permitting process. If there are violations of the conditions of that permit during construction, typically those get caught by the Watershed Protection Department. We report those to the agencies involved and try to bring them on board for enforcement. Chatham does not have the authority to enforce standards that are not under our jurisdiction. If it's an erosion control issue or a buffer issue, then Chatham would have enforcement capability. For stream and wetland related impacts, those issues are referred to USACE and NCDEQ. Suggested for Ace to talk to the USACE about further concerns for the large projects coming to Chatham County.
- **David Stinson**- Presented his draft impact document he submitted with his concerns on the project.

- Frank Stillo suggested that the Committee request the project owner look more into their plan to answer the questions brought up in the document David Stinson submitted. Mr. Stillo also commented that many of the concerns on the document should be covered in the county ordinances.
- Both Amy Fulford and David Stinson mentioned they were not notified work was starting.
 - Alicia Koblansky and Elaine Chiosso suggested for them to tell the commissioners and Angela Plumber that they were not notified correctly.

6. Discussion on the EIA for the Goldston Cricket Fields.

Comments on the EIA are attached.

7. Vote on completion of the EIA: Motioned by Mary Beth Koza and seconded by Jeannie Ambrose. Roll called used to vote unanimously.

“The Environmental Review Advisory Committee finds this EIA for the proposed Goldston Sports Cricket Fields to be incomplete and inadequate.”

8. Announcements and Updates:

- **Planning Board Update from Jeannie Ambrose.**
 - Three new members Tom Mayor, Mary Roodkowsky, and Norma Hernandez, that were appointed in the last planning board meeting on 2/2/2023. There are a few rezoning cases in the Moncure area. There is going to be an open house on the small area plan at the Moncure school on March 21st from 4:30 to 7 pm.
- **Climate Change Update from Alicia Koblansky.**
 - Missed meeting.

9. Adjournment Amy Fulford motioned, and Jeannie seconded. @8:40 pm