

NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (NCC)
APRIL 10, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Arnold Schmidt (Chairman, Public Member), Steve Szulecki (Vice Chairman, Public Member, Ecologist), Randy Hauser (Department of Labor), John Lago (Department of Community Affairs), Salvatore Fama (Motor Vehicle Commission), Dr. Iris Udasin (Public Member, Medical Doctor), Joseph Lepis (Public Member, Civil Engineer), Jerome Feder (Public Member), John Kapferer (Public Member), Eric Zwerling (Director, Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center), David Triggs (Department of Environmental Protection, Noise Control Council Liaison) and Michelle Feasel (NJDEP).

Guests: Mark Roskien (Manville), Susan Payne (Executive Director of the State Agricultural Development Committee), Brian Smith (Chief Legal Counsel for SADC)

MEETING MINUTES

With a minor amendment from Eric Zwerling, the February meeting minutes were unanimously approved with Arnold Schmidt motioning to accept and Randy Hauser seconding.

With minor amendments from Eric Zwerling and Joseph Lepis, the March meeting minutes were unanimously approved with Dr. Udasin motioning to accept and Joseph Lepis seconding.

CHAIR REPORT

- Chairman Schmidt has been in contact with the Governor's Office regarding the appointment of Joseph DiFillippo and the re-appointment of Chairman Schmidt and Jerome Feder. He is waiting to hear back from them.
- Chairman Schmidt has tried without success to contact through e-mail, new NCC member Nancy Tanella. Her resume and confirmation letter did not include an address or phone number. He may ask the Governor's Office for assistance. She has not attended a meeting since December 2017.

NCC COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to the NCC to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- At the request of the NCC, representatives from the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) attended the meeting to give a presentation on how the Right to Farm Act (RTF) relates to noise from farms. The presentation was given by Susan Payne, Executive Director of the SADC and Brian Smith, Chief Legal Counsel of the SADC. The presentation pointed out that New Jersey has one of the strongest RTF Acts in the country and despite being the most densely populated state, New Jersey is a leader in open space and farmland preservation. The RTF Act does not offer automatic protection to farmers and farmers must still comply with State laws. There are 18 County Agricultural Development Boards to hear and decide or appeal cases presented to the SADC. Activities such as weddings at wineries are not protected under RTF. A copy of the complete presentation can be provided by the NJDEP if requested.
- *Revisions to N.J.A.C. 7:29:* The NCC did not have the time to discuss proposed amendments to the regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

See Old Business SADC presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The NCC met in Executive Session. The meeting minutes are recorded separately and will be numbered and distributed at the May meeting and collected after they are reviewed and approved. The minutes will be kept on file at the NJDEP.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on May 8th at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Triggs, NJDEP Liaison to the NCC