

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission was held on the noted date, in the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Road (County Route 604), Sergeantsville, New Jersey. Chair Szwed opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## STATEMENT

Chair Szwed read a statement noting that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Trenton Times, and Star Ledger, posted on the Delaware Township bulletin board, posted on the Township website, and on file at Town Hall, all on December 19, 2019.

## Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: ~~John Kafarski~~, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro, Susan Lockwood, Rich Mongelli (7:35 p.m.), Tony Szwed  
Alternates: ~~Donna Dahringer, Alternate I~~, Mary Anne Royal, Alternate II  
Advisors: ~~Joe Kucowski~~, Alan Scott

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

## Reorganization

It was noted that the Township Committee selects Chair for the Environmental Commission and this year's Chair is Tony Szwed.

## Vice Chair

Member Mongelli made a motion to nominate Member Katz as Vice Chair. Member Lockwood seconded the motion. Member Klink made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Member Lockwood. By voice vote, Member Katz was elected Vice Chair, with her abstention.

## Annual Notice Resolution

It was noted that that there are no conflicts with the dates on the second or third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. Member Klink made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Member Mongelli, and adopted by voice vote.

## Minutes: December 19, 2018

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were discussed, and changes were made including typographical errors. Member Katz made a motion to approve the minutes as noted. Member Locandro seconded the motion. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood stated that the Courts have ruled that Penn East may start surveying on properties on which they had not been given permission. She noted that they have been asked to notify the police when they are going to work on a property. She further noted that there may be a Pipeline Committee meeting on January 17, 2019.

### Site Plan Review Committee

There was a discussion about having Environmental Commission members to sit on this Planning Board committee for the review of applications. Chair Szwed stated that by blending this committee, it will be easier for the Environmental Commission to keep track of any easements on properties. Secretary Klink stated that as she would be present, she can be a member. Members Locandro and Katz volunteered as they are the usual members of the Sunday on-site inspections for applications.

Chair Szwed stated that by having EC members on this Committee, it will be easier to identify easements and then build a data base.

There was a discussion about the easement monitoring data and spread sheets. Secretary Klink stated that she had asked Eric Knappe who said that he would try to return the data to the EC.

Member Katz agreed that it would be easier to maintain a data base when the EC members are present to help review and record the easement data at the time of Planning Board application(s).

Member Lockwood stated that she knows that there was a data base at one time. Chair Szwed agreed but reiterated that the process needs to begin again.

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

No site inspections

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Coordinator Klink stated that the 2019 Events have been distributed and asked that members hold the dates open for volunteering.

Recycling – K. Klink

Coordinator Klink reported that the big issue is the processing residue from single stream collections. She noted that there could be charges for this in the future.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board met and held reorganization. She noted that Chair Westlake is waiting for contact with Township Attorney Dragan to review the Land Disturbance Ordinance and the Zoning Officer Duties Ordinance. She stated that Chair Westlake is hoping to have the comments by the February PB meeting.

Open Space Committee – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood stated that the Open Space Committee has interviewed two people for the Coordinator position.

Member Lockwood stated that there has been a request from D&R Greenway for the Cizek property which is adjacent to the Plum Brook Preserve.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

No committee to date

Easement Monitoring – R. Mongelli/J. Kafarski

Nothing to add

Schools – K. Klink

Secretary Klink stated that she has been meeting with the student group at the school. She noted that the students are preparing power points about native trees. She noted that the presentations will be made to the Shade Tree Commission so that a tree can be chosen for Arbor Day.

Grants – K. Klink

Member Royal stated that she will help research what grants are available.

Website – J. Kafarski

Secretary Klink stated that the Township Committee is working to renew the website contract.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Current year: ANJEC membership - \$350.00
- b. Current year: RHA membership - \$250.00
- c. Sponsorship for upcoming Waterway Clean Up - \$300.00 to come from Clean Communities money

Member Locandro made a motion to approve payment in these amounts for these purposes. Member Mongelli seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Aye: Klink, Locandro, Lockwood, Mongelli, Royal, Szwed

Nay: None

Absent: Kafarski, Dahringer

Abstain: Katz, affiliated with RHA; Lockwood, affiliated with ANJEC

- d. White Oak Trail Management Agreement, 1/25/19 meeting

Secretary Klink reported that there is to be a meeting with the State on the noted date to work on this Agreement.

- e. Hunterdon County Div. of Parks and Recreation – exhibit at Earth Day – Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm

Secretary Klink reported that if anyone is interested in sitting a table for the DT EC at this event to contact her and she will let them know.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Member Lockwood noted that the newsletter has a January 31 deadline for articles.

Member Lockwood noted that this year's Conservation Rally has a registration deadline of March 22.

There was a discussion about moving the meeting to 7:00 p.m., from the 7:30 p.m. time. Member Locandro made that motion and Member Klink seconded it. There was further discussion. Some members felt that an earlier time would be better; some felt that it might be worse.

There was no consensus and no vote.

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2019

The Environmental Commission will next meet on the noted date at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: p.m.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn at the noted time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

2019 Towpath Trek, March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull's Island

K. Klink

2018 - 12 participants; 6 bags of trash; 4 bags recycling; 4 pipes;

1 rusted cart (like a hand truck) with 2 wheels; 3 sign/fence posts

2019 – Tree Recovery Campaign – distribute 750 free trees, bundles of 5

K. Klink

April 10 – 4:30 to 7:00 pm – KK, Alan Scott, Mary Anne Royal

April 17 – 6:30 to 7:30 pm – KK, Alan Scott and anyone else, right before EC meeting

April or May ?? – pot up any leftovers

2019 Clean Up Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., members needed for assistance

April 27 – (give away any leftover trees)

June 15 –

October 19 –

2019 Waterway Clean Up, April 13, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

K. Klink –

(2018) 12 participants; 6 bags of trash; 4 bags recycling; 4 pipes;

1 rusted cart (like a hand truck) with 2 wheels; 3 sign/fence posts

2019 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

May 18, K.Klink –

2018 – 48 participants (2017 - 68 participants)

September 14, K.Klink –

2018 – 46 participants (2017 - 47 participants)

2019 River Clean Up, September 21, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull's Island or Kingwood Boat Launch - K. Klink,

2018 – 90 participants; 53 bags of trash; 35 bags recycling; 1 bag scrap recycling

2019 March on Litter – October 12, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

K.Klink

2018 – 58 participants; 11.1 miles cleaned; 18 bags trash; 6 bags recycling; 1 tire

2017 – 80 participants; 18 bags of trash, 6 bags recycling, 6 tires, 1 TV, 1 table

2019 White Oak Trail Day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. , Meet on Quarry Road

K. Klink

2018 Planning Board inspection committee for pending applications

Also to be used for Easement Monitoring, per item #3, Delaware Township Planning Board Annual Meeting Notice Resolution, #01-2017.

January 13	February 10	March 10
April 14	May 12	June 9
July 14	August 11	September 8
October 13	November 10	December 8