

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 January 17, 2019.

## Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, ~~Kathy Katz~~, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro,  
Susan Lockwood, ~~Rich Mongelli~~, Tony Szwed  
Alternates: Donna Dahringer, Alternate I (7:32 p.m.),  
Mary Anne Royal, Alternate II  
Advisors: ~~Joe Kucowski~~, Alan Scott

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

There was a discussion about moving the meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m. Member Locandro made a motion to approve this change. Member Kafarski seconded the motion which was adopted by voice vote, with an abstention by Member Lockwood. Secretary Klink stated that all needed modifications will be made to publicize that change.

## Minutes: January 16, 2019

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Locandro made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Kafarski seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed, and changes were made including a clarification error. Said motion was approved by voice vote, with an abstention by Member Kafarski.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that this subcommittee held a meeting on February 21, 2019. She noted that the Township Committee is reviewing energy aggregation with the rationale that by having such a plan, a layer of difficulty is added to negate the justification of a pipeline for energy purposes. She noted that the aggregation has more “clout” if the energy requested uses a higher percentage of renewable energy. Such a plan is related to electricity.

Member Lockwood noted that this idea was brought to the pipeline subcommittee in December 2018. She further noted that the Township Committee seems to be interested in the idea. She noted that Delaware may be joining other towns in requesting a plan with a higher renewable source. She noted that the municipality cannot accept a new plan if the rate is higher than what is existing. She further noted that a comparison of prices can be done based on the different levels of renewable energy sources.

Member Lockwood stated that the subcommittee feels that by entering into such a plan, a “statement” is made that if less energy is propagated by natural gas, then there is less need for a pipeline.

The Commission had a discussion about solar options. Member Lockwood noted that this aggregation plan more is “doable” because of fixed-cap structures, which provide analysis for comparison and price-shopping. She noted that the plan will only work if residents save money as a result of the plan. She noted that solar on

an independent level is not included in the aggregate plan. She further noted that individuals can do the same type of “shopping” for renewable energy sources for their electricity. She noted that on the municipal level, there can be a locked-in plan, to which individuals do not have access. She concluded by stating that plans can last 12-18 months and then the plans can be renegotiated. She pointed out that many towns in the state are on their third go-round with these types of plans.

Member Lockwood noted that another issue brought up at the meeting is that there is a gentleman on the governor’s Economic Development Commission who is also a participant in Penn East. She noted that the HALT group has appealed to the State Attorney General’s office that this is a conflict of interest. She noted that the County Freeholders are agreed on this issue.

Member Lockwood reported that the process of eminent domain has begun. She noted that there have been meetings between lawyers, judges, and appraisers. She noted that the Court gave permission to Penn East to access property for initial surveying. She noted that Penn East is doing reports to get ready for its application to DEP, even if the reports are being done at the “wrong time of year”. She noted that the Subcommittee is planning to resubmit all of its comments when the DEP application is filed.

#### Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

No meeting

#### Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reminded the EC members that the Towpath Trek is on March 16, 2019, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

#### Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that there is not much new. She distributed a memo about recycling container usage at the Township Garage. Members reviewed the memo and found it acceptable. It was noted that it will be placed on the website.

Chair Szwed stated that the County will take smoke detectors, due to radioactive elements found within. He noted that the County will be contacted for a container and then notification can be put up on the website about the container’s location.

#### Planning Board – K. Katz

Nothing new

Secretary Klink reported that the Township Committee passed the Home-based Business Ordinance at its Second Reading on February 25, 2019 meeting.

#### Open Space Committee – S. Lockwood

Secretary Klink reported that she knew that the US Agrinova property has closed. She also reported that the Township does have a new coordinator, Katherine Fullerton, who has open hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was further noted that Ms. Fullerton is the East Amwell Open Space Coordinator.

#### Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that there are still residents that have problems, but no action has been taken.

#### Easement Monitoring – R. Mongelli/J. Kafarski

Secretary Klink reported that a letter was sent to Township Engineer Roseberry about the Severn’s Way easements. It was noted that the last lot is being developed and the EC would like clarity about the Open Space easements on that property and even the entire subdivision.

Schools – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that students from DTS will be making a tree presentation for an Arbor Day tree. That presentation will be on February 28 so that the Shade Tree Commission can choose the tree.

Grants – K. Klink

Secretary Klink reported that a grant of \$800 was received from Washington Crossing Audubon Society. She noted that this money is to be used for School Meadow Trail and will be used for habitat enhancement; in this case, the addition of pollinator and butterfly plants.

Chair Szwed noted that the 2019 ANJEC grants are open. He noted that the maximum amount is \$1500. He suggested that the application be made for trail maintenance at School Meadow Trail to include signage and a crossing over the ditch (between the School and the trail).

Member Royal volunteered to help.

Website – J. Kafarski

Secretary Klink reported that there is a new contract with the website company. Member Kafarski has agreed to review things to be posted on the site, including the Recycling at Township Garage Memo that was previously discussed. Members Klink and Kafarski will get together to review Recycling Coach, a program from the State.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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Chair Szwed noted that he has had discussions with the Township CFO about a way of setting up a fund for trail maintenance using gift money and donations. He noted that he will get more information about specific details, including a time frame.

NEXT MEETING: March 20, 2019

The Environmental Commission will next meet on the noted date at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 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