

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 7:00 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~~, Mary Anne Royal, Alternate II
Advisors: ~~Joe Kucowski~~, Alan Scott

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

Minutes: May 15, 2019

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Katz made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Lockwood seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed, and changes were made including typographical errors. Said motion was approved by voice vote, with an abstention by Member Royal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that the Halt group had a meeting with a representative of the NJ Geological Survey to review the impact on the Rosemont Water Company and possible well head protection impact. It was noted that no conclusion was reached.

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that there was no meeting but that an upcoming application will be submitted for the September meeting. She noted that the application will be between the Dempsey property on Route 523 adjacent to the Schneider property, same road. She noted that it will be a boundary line adjustment and merger.

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that the 2018 NJ Clean Communities Report has been submitted.

Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink gave a report per the attached data at the end of the minutes concerning Household Clean-Up Days. She noted that between the permit fees and the costs covered by the NJ Clean Communities Grant; this program is not operating at a deficit.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board has made a request of the Township Committee to change the Trap Rock quarry license. She noted that since the quarry is not in operation that the well monitoring data can be reviewed every two years instead of annually. She noted that the Planning Board further approved the review of the well monitoring data from 2016-2018; said review can be paid through an established escrow that Trap Rock has for its license.

Open Space Committee – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that the Maresca Martin property is at the survey stage. She further noted that the issue of access to the Moore Cemetery is still under consideration.

Member Lockwood noted that the Lee Lau property has gotten final approval from SADC and has been surveyed. She noted that the Township part of the Bellsflower farm application is done; and that SADC will finish the last details.

Member Lockwood noted that the SADC has made a decision to allow preservation on a property with a piece of the Penn East pipeline proposed to run through the subject property. She noted that the SADC made a decision to allow preservation as long as the property owner does not have an agreement with Penn East. She noted that the appraisals can go forward for the property in question – the Kohler Farm, Cedar Lane Farm. She noted that this project is moving ahead.

Member Lockwood reported that the Cisek property has run into a few delays concerning Green Acres funding. She noted that these properties are Block 12, Lots 17, 18, 19, and 22. She noted that this project is being moved forward through D&R Greenway.

Member Lockwood noted that the Curtis Farm is being reviewed by NJCF, who is looking at appraisals. Member Lockwood noted that this property was appraised using Township money, but that these appraisals were done years ago.

Member Lockwood noted that two farms are waiting for the fall funding round – Kulas and Prutzman. She further noted that the preservation application for the Pierman farm has been pulled.

Member Lockwood noted that the SADC is going to require Towns to update their Agricultural Advisory plan. She noted that updates are required, but that the SADC may require this update before the next round of funding. She further noted that the old target list of farms may be updated soon.

Member Lockwood discussed an idea being promoted by the Open Space Committee, called a Green Plan. She noted that this plan would identify properties with potential projects for those properties. It was noted that by listing these plans, volunteer groups could see a project and work on it. Open Space Committee Person Ros Westlake recommended that the Planning Board may be the place to start because of all of the liaisons to that Board. Ms. Westlake is also the Chair for the Planning Board.

Member Lockwood noted that there may have been misinformation which caused the County Freeholders to express opposition to the identification of all streams as C1 streams. The Freeholders reviewed the information and no longer have an issue with this C1 designation being proposed by the NJ DEP.

It was noted that there still needs to be a Liaison from the EC to the Open Space Committee. Member Lockwood noted that she is already the liaison from the Township Committee and cannot serve as both. She noted that in having a different person from the EC, that creates a better numbers situation in obtaining a quorum. Member Lockwood noted that the Open Space Committee meets on the third Monday of the month and that it is an easy committee to be on.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that this committee appears to be ineffective from the Township Committee end. She noted that this committee may need new members. The EC discussed this issue and recommended that a letter be sent to the TC about making this committee more active.

Secretary Klink noted that Lauren Bruhl is present. Ms. Bruhl is a high school student looking to do a community project. Ms. Klink noted that one idea is to create a video on stormwater management that would help with the Township permit for the State. It would be an ongoing education piece that would be found on the website.

Easement Monitoring – R. Mongelli/J. Kafarski

Secretary Klink reported that there has been a complaint on an easement on the Sichik property on Locktown Sergeantsville Road. She reported that TC members Herman and Kwasnik are meeting Mr. Sichik on June 26 to discuss the issue. Chair Szwed and Secretary Klink will also be present. Member Kafarski also volunteered to attend.

Schools – K. Klink

Secretary Klink reported that with the help of several DTS Middle School students, the DTS Garden Club, and Members Katz, Lockwood (and Russ), and Royal the plants for the School Meadow Trail have been planted. She added that Cathy Pouria of the Jurgensen Road development was also present; she is on the Shade Tree Commission.

Grants – M. Royal

Member Royal reported that she had contacted ANJEC about our rejected grant. She was told that our grant application received high scores and was also told that many grants are funded on second time submissions.

Website – J. Kafarski

It was reported that the Recreation Committee website has not been set up by Trinity to date. Members discussed the idea that the EC should present our own idea to Trinity. Members Royal and Kafarski volunteered to meet with Trinity.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Delaware River Clean Up – September 21, 2019, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Needed: volunteers to help with sign up; be done by about 10:00 a.m. – Mary Ann Royal

Needed: volunteers to help lead groups and attend a safety training meeting – Alan Scott

- b. Garbage collection

Member Locandro presented the idea that there should be one garbage hauler for the Township instead of having many different haulers on the road every day. Members discussed this idea which would have to be presented to the Township Committee. Member Lockwood noted that one problem would be budget related, that any increase in garbage collection fees could cause the budget to go beyond cap.

It was noted that Premier Garbage Company has been purchased by Republic.

Members discussed the idea that having one hauler for the Township would be a benefit from an environmental standpoint. It was noted that there should be a cost estimate before such a recommendation could be made to the TC, which would then go out to bid. A survey was also discussed, asking Township residents' opinions.

Member Locandro made a motion to request a single garbage/recycling service for the Township that would not be a Township service. It was discussed that a letter would be written to the Township

Committee allowing the EC to do this research. Member Kafarski seconded the motion that was unanimously adopted. Reasons for this proposal were discussed: reduction in traffic on the roads; economy of scale on service; and continuity of service.

c. Well Testing survey responses

Secretary Klink reported a summary of those surveys that have been received. She noted that 12 persons responded. Member Katz stated that anywhere between 25 and 48 people have done tests with the Community Well Testing.

It was noted that almost all respondents felt that an informational meeting would be helpful. There was a further discussion about how set up such a meeting with specific details on what residents would like to learn.

Member Katz stated that she would discuss the process for purchasing and returning well testing kits with Municipal Clerk Jodi McKinney. She stated that she will discuss with the EC after she has had this meeting. There was also a discussion about the possible use of PayPal for the purchase of the kits. Member Katz stated that she will also research that.

d. Letter to Township Committee concerning tree work on the White Oak Trail

EC members discussed the tree work that needs to be done on the White Oak Trail. It was noted that the EC had requested a service budget of \$3,000.00 but was only approved for \$1,500.00. It was further noted that the tree work day rate estimate given was at least \$2,600.00. Members asked that a letter be sent to the TC asking how to proceed with this request.

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

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: July 17, 2019

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 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

2019 – 34 adults, 5 children; 44 bags trash, 49 bags recycling, 2 bags scrap metal

2 metal posts, 1 desk, construction cone, 2 each – air mattress, blow-up raft

1 mail box in concreted milk can

2018 – 16 adults, 3 children; 15 bags trash, 10 bags recycling (no plastic)

1 steel sign post, 1 metal pole, 1 muffler, 2 rolls of wire

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

2019 Clean Up Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., members needed for assistance
 April 27 – John Kafarski, Rich Mongelli - 53 permits collected, steady flow of traffic
 June 15 – Mongelli Family – Rich, Grace, and John – 33 permits collected
 October 19 –

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

K. Klink –

2019 – 16 participants, 7 bags trash, 10 bags recycling

1 stove, 2 rugs, 1 tire, 1 tarp

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 – 43 participants (Town Wide Yard Sale)

May, 2018 – 48 participants (2017 - 68 participants)

September 14, K.Klink –

September, 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

2019 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