

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 7:03 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: September 18, 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 Royal seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed and approved as presented, with abstentions by Members Lockwood and Dahringer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that the latest development in the Penn East Project is the denial by NJ to use eminent domain on public lands. She reported that Penn East is planning to go back to FERC to get a re-hearing on the ability to use eminent domain on the taking of public land. She noted that October 18 is the deadline to register as an intervener and that the Township Committee has agreed to be represented as an intervener.

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

No applications

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that there will be a review of the statistics for the River Clean Up, once all of the information has been collated from the four staging areas. She also reported on the March on Litter review, for which the statistics were available, displayed on the Schedule of Events that follows the minutes. She also reported that she has asked the Township Committee for a DPW worker for the collection of bags after the March on Litter. She noted that items had been added to the piles over the weekend.

Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that the costs are increasing for the recovery of recycling. She also noted that some neighboring townships have eliminated their recycling programs. She stated that one reason the Delaware Township program works is because the recycling dumpster can be hauled away by a DPW employee.

Member Klink reported that in her position as Recycling Coordinator, she attends meetings at the County. She stated that the County may be trying to provide opportunities for programs to become more successful.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that at the last meeting, the Planning Board approved the resolution for the Dempsey-Schneider boundary line adjustment. She further noted that there was a preliminary discussion on a proposed groundwater protection ordinance. It was decided that the Ordinance Review Subcommittee will schedule a meeting with the authors of the proposed ordinance.

Open Space Committee – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that the next meeting for Open Space is next week. She noted that there has been some miscommunication concerning the Lee Lau property and that the project is now moving forward.

Member Lockwood stated that there has been an idea to review the Open Space Element of the Master Plan. She noted that there has been some discussion about how properties can be connected and developed into greenways.

It was noted that the full review of the Master Plan should be done in 2022. Member Lockwood noted that this review should be a joint effort between Open Space, EC, and possibly the Recreation Committee, supported by the Planning Board. It was even suggested that this review committee be made up of one member from each Board.

It was noted that the EC could make a recommendation to all committees to consider a future project that could be developed as part of the Master Plan. Another suggestion that was provided was the use of the ANJEC Toolbox for Projects.

Member Lockwood noted that the Land Trust Rally is looking for presentations at this time for the 2020 Rally.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Nothing to report

Member Lockwood noted that some issues arose in Rosemont concerning poor drainage off of County Route 519 at the corner of County Route 604. She noted that this could be reviewed when the County has a paving project involving this area.

Easement Monitoring – R. Mongelli/J. Kafarski

No comments

There was a discussion about possible grants that would enable the Township to post data concerning easements that would be easier to retrieve.

Member Lockwood spoke about a conservation easement grant that the State acquired. She noted that this granted helped DEP to digitize easement information and put it on GIS. She noted that it was done over a period of (three) 3 years with different hourly workers. She further noted that 2000 easements were identified and the data recorded.

Member Katz stated that when she was on the PB Zoning Review Committee, an ag-based study was done. She noted that farmland assessment data was reviewed and recorded by three volunteers. She noted that she would volunteer to work on the easement project. Member Kafarski also volunteered.

Schools – K. Klink

Member Klink stated that she met with the DTS environmental group on October 11. She noted that they are setting up a calendar for the school year with events. She noted that they will meet again on October 17, 2019.

Grants – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that she will give an update to Washington Audubon Society concerning the \$800.00 Holden grant that the EC received for the School Meadow Trail.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski stated that the website subcommittee met with Kevin Eberle of Trinity Communications. He noted that in attendance with him were Members Royal and Klink. Mr. Eberle explained to the committee what can and cannot be done. He also noted that the initial quote is between \$750 – 1,000 to set up the EC website.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars
- b. White Oak Trail – work day - November 16, 8:30 to 11:30; rain date November 17

Chair Szwed stated that he will provide breakfast for all who attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2020 schedule – a schedule was presented showing events for 2020
- b. Well Testing – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that since she started helping with this program in 2010, this year had the highest turn-out. She discussed the timing of the dates on which people signed up. It was noted that residents heard about the program in the newsletter; from postcards sent by RHA and an email that was sent to last year's participants; the Township Facebook page; and the sandwich board sign in front of Town Hall.

Member Katz stated that some success was due to the joint efforts of Members Katz and Klink. Member Katz made a motion to send a letter of thanks to Township Committee concerning Member Klink's efforts. Member Lockwood seconded the motion which was adopted by voice vote, with an abstention by Member Klink.

Member Katz reminded Member Klink to send a thank you note to Mara Tippet for the presentation on Well Testing.

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 was a discussion about the spotted lanternfly with several members providing methods of removal.

Kathy Katz – Well Testing Results

2019**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY WELL TESTING PROGRAM**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total # of Samples</u>	<u>Basic (Coliform/Nitrates)</u>	<u>Arsenic</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Iron</u>	<u>Manganese</u>	<u>VOs</u>	<u>Pesticides</u>	<u>Radon</u>	<u>Gross Alpha</u>
2014	16	16	5	2	4	3	1	1	2	1
2015	45	39	40	13	6	4	6	8	9	4
2016	31	29	19	18	12	12	10	7	7	6
2107	43	35	22	12	7	5	6	7	7	8
2018	33	31	16	12	12	4	7	8	9	6
2019	60	56	40	28	5	4	2	8	25	15

<u>2019</u>	Number	<u>2018</u>	Number
<u>Date</u>	<u>Kits Sold</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Kits Sold</u>
Wed 9/18 PM	1	M. 9/10	1
Sat 9/21	8	Tu. 9/11	3
Tues 9/24	21	W. 9/12	1
Wed 9/25	23	Th. 9/13	2
Wed 9/25	7	Fri 9/14	6
Thur. 9/26	PICK-UP	M. 9/17	12
		T. 9/18	8

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 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, John, 33 permits

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 – same day as Townwide 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,

2019 – 102 participants; 48 bags trash; 11 bags recycling (NO plastic recycled); 4 bags of
Scrap; 5 "bags" bulky debris – too large for bags; 15 tires; other items

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

2019 – 99 participants, 14.85 miles cleaned; 14 bags trash; 24 bags recycling; 4 tires

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