

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:	Donna Dahringer, John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Loebandro , Susan Lockwood, Tony Szwed
Alternates:	Mary Anne Royal, Alternate I , Alan Scott, Alternate II
Advisors:	Linda Bradway

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 Klink 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 7:00 p.m., with the exception of moving the April date to Earth Day, April 22. Member Katz made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Member Lockwood, and adopted by voice vote.

Members that were moved around –

Donna Dahringer to full member; Mary Ann Royal to Alternate I; Alan Scott Alternate II

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 Kafarski seconded the motion. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Plan and Site Inspection Committee - K. Klink

Habig, 58-4.01

Members Katz and Klink participated in this on-site inspection. Member Klink stated that the application is for the Planning Board. It was noted that the property is currently vacant and the applicant is proposing a single-family dwelling and a farm rental unit. Member Klink reported that as the Administrative Officer for the Planning Board, additional maps were requested for the proposal. The Commission reviewed the information presented. It was noted that there are discrepancies

between the submitted documents – the map submitted with the application; the map submitted to NJ DEP for permit approvals; and the septic system maps. It was also noted that the approvals granted by NJ DEP do not include the farm rental unit. Based on the discussion, the Commission recommended that the application be deemed incomplete until the information can be reconciled.

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Coordinator Klink stated that the 2020 Events have been distributed and noted that the first event is in March, the Towpath Trek.

Recycling – K. Klink

Coordinator Klink reported that there is not much to report.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the committee did not meet.

Member Lockwood reported that the process to preserve the Curtis Farm is in the beginning stages. She noted that this property has been on the list for preservation for a long time. She noted that initial paperwork has been signed.

Planning Board – K. Katz

No meeting

Easement Monitoring – D. Dahringer

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

Member Lockwood noted that she may have some information from previous easement monitoring. She noted that there was a student intern who amassed some information and that she will search for that information.

Chair Szwed stated that he agreed that the first step to be taken is to collect the data and then start the monitoring process again.

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 point presentations 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 – M. Royal

Chair Szwed reported that Member Royal will help do research on and prepare grants.

Website – J. Kafarski

Secretary Klink stated that the Township Committee is working to renew the website contract. She noted that once the contract has been approved by the Town Committee, work should be able to be started on the EC website.

Member Kafarski stated that he has the website committee information at home and should be able to consider how to help the process get started.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood stated that the Penn East Committee is set to meet tomorrow. She noted that February 3 is the date for information to be submitted to the Supreme Court. She noted that Penn

East has asked for an extension of time from FERC; she noted that FERC had provided one and that Penn East is hoping to get another.

Member Scott noted that new federal legislation is being proposed to speed up the process for pipeline approvals.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that there have been no meetings to date. She noted that the paving on Meszaros Road has been finished.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Current year: ANJEC membership - \$375.00
- b. Current year: RHA membership - \$350.00

Member Lockwood made a motion to approve payment for both memberships. Member Kafarski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Dahringer, Kafarski, Klink, Lockwood, Royal, Szwed

Concurs: Scott

Nay: None

Absent: Locandro

Abstain: Katz, due to her affiliation with RHA

- c. Sponsorship for upcoming Waterway Clean Up - \$300.00 to come from Clean Communities money

Member Kafarski made a motion to approve payment in this amount proposed. Member Dahringer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Dahringer, Kafarski, Katz, Lockwood, Royal, Szwed

Concurs: Scott

Nay: None

Absent: Locandro

Abstain: Klink, as Clean Communities Coordinator

Earth Day

There was a discussion about Earth Day, 2020. It was noted that this is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Members were encouraged to do research on this topic for some type of special event.

Member Kafarski stated that it might be a good idea to have a proactive idea that could be celebrated on Earth Day. He thought of solar panels at Dilts for the snack shack or an electric charging station. Member Kafarski stated that he would meet with a solar company about this idea. It was noted that a Township resident, Pete Sudano, runs a solar panel company. Member Kafarski stated that he will report back to the Commission.

Sustainable Jersey

Member Klink stated that she has begun research on becoming a Sustainable Jersey Community. She reported that there is a lot of information to be read to see what we may already be doing that qualifies us. Members Scott and Bradway volunteered to help.

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.

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2019

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

SCHEDULED EVENTS

2020 Towpath Trek, March 21, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull's Island

K. Klink, Mary Anne Royal, Alan Scott, Linda Bradway

2019 - 34 adults, about 3.5 miles; 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 - 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

2020 – Tree Recovery Campaign – distribute 750 free trees, bundles of 5

K. Klink, Mary Ann Royal, Alan Scott, Tony Szwed

April 08 – 4:30 to 7:00 pm – KK, Alan Scott, Mary Anne Royal

April 15 – 6:00 to 7:00 pm –

2020 Clean Up Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., members needed for assistance

April 25 – Rich Mongelli, Jack Mongelli, John Kafarski

June 15 – Rich Mongelli, Grace Mongelli, Jack Mongelli

October 19 – Roger Locandro

2020 Waterway Clean Up, April 18, 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

2020 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

May 16, K.Klink –

2019 – 43 participants (2018 – 48 participants; 2017 - 68 participants)

September 14, K.Klink –

2019 – 62 participants (2018 – 46 participants; 2017 - 47 participants)

2020 River Clean Up, September 19, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull’s Island, Kingwood Boat Launch, or Holcombe Jimison Farm - K. Klink,

2019 - 108 participants, 13.5 miles along river; 48 bags trash, 11 bags recycling (NO plastic recycled), 4 bags scrap metal, 5 bags bulky debris, 15 tires, 1 blue barrel, 4 metal pipes, two 20-foot sections of sewer pipe

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

2020 March on Litter – October 10, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. , K.Klink, Susan Lockwood

2019 – 99 participants; 12.8 miles of roads; 14 bags trash, 7 bags recycling, 1 tire, 1 large piece of metal, 1 roll linoleum

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

2020 White Oak Trail Day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. , Meet on Quarry Road, K. Klink, T. Szwed

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 12 – on site inspection 58-4.01; Habig – farm rental / conditional use - PB	February 16	March 15
April 19	May 17	June 14
July 12	August 16	September 13
October 18	November 15	December 13