

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission was held as a virtual meeting on the noted date, hosted 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, 2020; with virtual information published on June 11, 2020.

**Roll Call**

Present: Regular Members: ~~Donna Dahringer~~, John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro, Susan Lockwood, Tony Szwed  
Alternates: Mary Anne Royal, Alternate I, ~~Alan Scott~~, ~~Alternate II~~  
Advisors: Linda Bradway, ~~Rich Mongelli~~  
Absent: shown by strikethroughs

**Minutes:** February 19, 2020

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Locandro made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Katz seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed, and changes were made including typographical errors. Said motion was approved by voice vote, with no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink  
No meeting

Clean Communities – K. Klink  
No project to date

Coordinator Klink reported that the committee for the River Clean Up is working on a plan that has to be endorsed by NJ Clean Communities. She noted that NJ Clean Communities is not endorsing any projects at this time.

Recycling – K. Klink  
Nothing new to report

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that there was no June meeting. She noted that the Planning Board had a virtual meeting in May to approve the Habig resolution, Block 58, Lot 4.01. She noted that bills were also paid.

Open Space – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that there is nothing new on the former Maresca property, now owned by Martin. She noted that for the Lee Lau project, the owners are now back in New Jersey and that progress can move toward closing. She noted that there is hope that an agreement will be signed by the Township for the closing on the Cisek property. Member Katz stated that preservation of the

Curtis Farm is moving along, with no Township money to be used. She noted that the Hermans have removed their farm from consideration for preservation.

Member Katz stated that the Recreation Committee reported that there will be fireworks on September 12, in the evening; and that October 3 has been set for Community Day.

Member Katz reported that the Open Space Committee is thinking about a brochure for trail options in the Township, for the website. It was noted that the County has a format that can be used. Member Lockwood noted that trails can be found, but not in one document.

Easement Monitoring – D. Dahringer

Not present

Member Katz reported that the 20 Tax Map pages have been divided up by Members Kafarski, Dahringer and Katz. These members will collect the info and present it on a spread sheet. Members Kafarski and Katz reported that they will try to get done by the next meeting.

Schools – K. Klink

No school

Grants – M. Royal

Member Royal reported that the Delaware Township Environmental Commission has received the ANJEC grant that was submitted. The project is for a culvert and surrounding stone to make a lead-in to the School Meadow Trail from the school property. It was noted that the agreement has been received and must be signed and returned.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski voiced his frustration about the lack of progress on the EC website. He noted that the website developer, Kevin Eberle, has all of the information, but nothing is “up”. Member Kafarski stated that he has the information on the bios of the members and the information for the Quarter 2 project, “Threats from Pests”. Member Kafarski stated that member Locandro has developed some one-page blurbs about specific pests, EAB, spotted lanternfly, etc.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that the approval has actually expired. She stated that Penn East was trying to bifurcate the application, so that the Pennsylvania side can be completed, as the Pennsylvania approvals have been granted. She noted that Mayor Charlie Herman sent a letter about Township concerns. She noted that the Penn East application must go to DRBC for further approvals. She noted that Penn East is trying to appeal New Jersey’s decision about State-funded lands; she noted that this appeal would be before the US Supreme Court.

Member Lockwood noted that there was a discussion about a groundwater disturbance ordinance that was prepared for the Township to be adopted. Member Lockwood noted that the pipeline committee is wondering what happened to that proposal. Member Katz reported that the Ordinance Review Committee met with Bob Wolfertz last May about this topic. Member Katz noted that the ordinance Review Committee was concerned about the arbitrary number for cubic yards of disturbance that does not have a scientific basis. Member Katz stated that she will forward her notes to Secretary Klink, who will forward to Sam Thompson, the Chair of the pipeline committee.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Nothing new

Member Lockwood reported that the newsletter article on stormwater management helps fulfill public education requirements required by the State for the Township Stormwater Permit that has to be maintained.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Anyone interested in helping with June 20 Clean Up Day? It was decided that we will stick with the plan of using the DPW employees.

Anyone interested in helping with June 27 Shredder Day? Linda Bradway volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

- b. Mowing of White Oak Trail

Chair Szwed stated that he would speak to the company that is interested in mowing the White Oak Trail. He noted that perhaps the price can be reduced by having the EC volunteers clean the opening. Chair Szwed stated that he would report back to the Commission.

- c. New Eagle Scout project, Daniel Ingersoll

Secretary Klink stated that Daniel Ingersoll has been in touch with Bull's Island naturalist, Stephanie Fox. Secretary Klink reported that permission has been granted to put a bench by the quarry but to NOT highlight its location on a brochure that would be part of Ingersoll's project. It was noted that other portions of the project might include the following: some bridge repair work; possible trail blazing; compilation and publish a new brochure with new points of interest; build a display box for the brochures.

- d. Rain Garden at Delaware Township School – by Lauren Bruhl, former DTS student

Secretary Klink reported that Ms. Bruhl has been working on a project to design and install a rain garden at DTS for the purpose of education to the public about rain gardens and stormwater management. Secretary Klink reported that the latest meeting on this project was held with a design planner from Rutgers Nursery, at the DTS site.

- e. Electronics drop off permission slip – by appointment only

Secretary Klink reported that she has been in discussions with DPW Supervisor Trstensky about the possibility of dropping of electronics by appointment only. She stated that she would report back with any new developments.

- f. ANJEC virtual meeting – meeting notes distributed

Chair Szwed and Secretary Klink attended a virtual meeting sponsored by ANJEC about what Environmental Commissions should be doing during the covid-19 state of emergency to keep connected with their communities. Several ideas were given, as noted in the meeting notes.

- g. PS&G flood hazard area permit for vegetation maintenance – map too small to read, closest point looks to be down by Lambertville

- h. RHA well testing – Kathy Katz

Member Katz reported that dates have been chosen and approved by the Township Office and RHA. Kits would be on sale at Town Hall from September 8 through September 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She noted that they would also be on sale on September 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. She stated that she would like to set up a table on Saturday, September 12, at the Farmers' Market. She noted that the last sale date would be Tuesday, September 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She noted that the drop off would be on Wednesday, September 16. Member Katz stated that all of this schedule depends on pending covid-19 conditions.

i. Additional fund-raiser

There was a discussion about expanding the EC fund-raising with a well-testing raffle. The idea is that a raffle ticket could be purchased that would allow for a kit to be designed by RHA, at lab cost, which would be paid out of the raffle proceeds. There was a discussion about how to advertise and promote this idea. The issue of obtaining approval for a raffle was also discussed.

Another idea discussed was the idea that Kathy Katz would offer her services in collecting samples and returning those samples to RHA, at an additional cost, that would be an amount to contribute to the EC Fund. Kathy Katz noted that many older residents are very concerned about how to properly take a sample.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public. Violet Kafarski had no comments.

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: July 15, 2020

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

It was noted that the Commission will meet at the White Oak Trail to see if some maintenance can be performed as a part of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT : 8:48 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 – cancelled, covid-19

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

2020 – Tree Recovery Campaign – distribute 1000 free trees, bundles of 5, June 2

K. Klink, Linda Bradley, Maria, Tony Szwed (gone in about an hour!)

2019 – 750 trees, K. Klink, Alan Scott, MaryAnne Royal, Tony Szwed

2020 Clean Up Days,

No April Clean-Up – covid-19

June 20 – NO EC volunteers – 72 permits, 3 DPW employees, no residents out of vehicles

October 17

2019 – April 27 – 53 permits; J.Kafarski, R. Mongelli

June 15 – 33 permits; Mongelli Family – Rich, Grace, John

October 19 – 43 permits, R. Locandro

2020 Waterway Clean Up, April 18 – cancelled, covid-19

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.

2020 – June 27, K. Klink, K. Katz – 102 participants

2019 - May 18, K.Klink – 43 participants; May, 2018 – 48 participants; May, 2017 – 68

2019 - September 14, K.Klink – 62 participants, September 2018 – 46; September 2017 - 47

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 – 108 participants; 13.5 miles along river; 48 bags trash; 11 bags recycling; 4 bags scrap; 5 bags bulky material

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; 16 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 – members Alan Scott, John Kafarski and Wyatt, Kathy Katz, Susan Lockwood, Tony Szwed; Also – Bob Hornby, Sam Davis, Dale Hazard

2020 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, #2020-01.

January 12 – Habig, for PB, Block 58, Lot 4.01	February 16	March 15
April 19	May 17	June 14
July 12	August 16	September 13
October 18	November 15	December 13