

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission was held on the noted date, at Bull’s Island, front parking lot, 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, 2020, with a change of venue notice posted on July 9, 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: June 17, 2020

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 Scott.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink  
No meeting

Clean Communities – K. Klink

NJ Clean Communities has given authority to the local clean communities’ leaders to make decisions about clean-ups based on covid-19 restrictions. The River Clean Up Team has submitted a plan to move forward with the Delaware River Clean-Up scheduled for September 19, 2020. More information will be forthcoming on the website.

Recycling – K. Klink

Coordinator Klink gave a report on the Clean-up Day held on June 20, 2020, following the State covid-19 guidelines, requiring residents to remain in their vehicles. She noted that 72 permits were sold for the event, which ran from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. She noted that the line ran continuously to the end with no breaks. She noted that three dumpsters of trash were filled, one dumpster of electronics was filled, and one dumpster of scrap metal was filled.

Coordinator Klink reported that there was a discussion with the DPW workers about how to make this event run more smoothly. There was discussion about having a dumpster just for wood, because it does not compact and takes up much space. Coordinator Klink reported that there is a company called Solterra that will take wood, only from construction and demolition. She noted that the charge is \$87.00/ton, but that tonnage slips are provided as the wood is recycled.

Coordinator Klink reported on Shredder Day, as follows: 102 cars, 8,050 pounds of paper were collected.

Translates into	Financial Value
69 Trees saved	\$17,250.00
28,210 gallons water saved	\$126.95
16,523 kw of energy saved	\$1,321.84
242 pounds of pollutant kept out of atmosphere	\$1,210.00
20 cubic yards of landfill saved	\$1,000.00
	\$20,908.79

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board met on July 7, but had no applications. She noted that none of the committees had anything to report. She also noted that bills were paid.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

It was reported that there is to be a zoom meeting for the Open Space Committee on July 20, 2020.

Easement Monitoring – D. Dahringer

Members Katz and Kafarski reported that they have been working on the spread sheet for the easements so that the program can start up again. They stated that they hope to be done by the September meeting.

Schools – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that a rain garden is to be installed at Delaware Township School, near the main entrance. She noted that the person who has developed this plan is a former student, Lauren Bruhl. Member Klink reported that Ms. Bruhl obtained donations of soil, mulch, plants, and decorative rocks. Member Klink reported that the garden should be installed by the first of August. She further noted that there will be an informational article about the garden for the newsletter.

Grants – M. Royal

Chair Szwed reported that the paperwork has been submitted for a grant to finish the connection between the School Meadow Trail and Delaware Township School.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski reported that the website has been updated and that he is still working with the website manager to make the website more accessible. He noted that you access the website by clicking on the button on the front of the Delaware Township webpage; once on the EC site click on the more information button.

Chair Szwed stated that we would like to have a gallery for photos of projects that we are working on.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that there is to be a virtual meeting on July 16, 2020.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The commission discussed changes to the fee schedule for the Clean-up events. It was noted that if there are to be changes, it has to be done by ordinance, per 190-22. Following is the proposal:

§190-22

PROPOSED FOR October 17, 2020 (and future dates)  
(NOT for commercial vehicles)

(HONOR SYSTEM)

Passenger cars, NON-SUV	\$10.00
Mini-vans; smaller SUVs	\$20.00
Smaller pick-up trucks (up to two tons); larger SUVs	\$30.00
Larger pick-up trucks; over-sized vans (by height/width/length)	\$35.00
Trailer, up to 12 feet in length, with no side extensions +\$2.00 for each additional foot, up to 18 feet	\$40.00
Tire without rim (16" diameter maximum, limit 10 per family)	\$ 5.00

Member Katz made a motion to make this recommended fee schedule change to be presented to the Township Committee. Member Kafarski seconded the motion that was adopted by voice vote.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Ms. Fowler, daughter of Caine Fowler who is a member of the Board of Adjustment, was present and said hello.

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There was a discussion about the possibility of a well testing fund-raiser. Member Katz explained that for a donation, a member of the Environmental Commission would go to a resident's home and assist in taking a water sample. Chair Szwed stated that he had discussed the idea with Member Mongelli prior to the meeting. Member Mongelli is an attorney and gave the opinion that there would be limited responsibility for the township. Secretary Klink reported that she has a call in to discuss insurance issues with the Township insurer and would discuss this idea with him.

Members discussed trimming the White Oak Trail. Members were divided into three groups to help split up the work that needs to be done. Chair Szwed and Secretary Klink reported that they had both walked the trail and saw no significant issues. This trail work follows the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2020

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:34 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

Schedule of 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 – distributed 1000 free trees, bundles of 5, June 2

K. Klink, Linda Bradway, 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 – same process to be followed

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

2020 River Clean Up, September 19, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; four river locations to choose from:

Bull's Island, Cooley Property, Kingwood Township; Holcombe Jimison Farm; Prallsville Mill

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

2020 March on Litter – October 10, 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

2020 White Oak Trail Day, November 20, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. , Meet on Quarry Road

2019 - 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