

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, 2020, with virtual meeting information updated on October 15, 2020.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro,
~~Susan Lockwood~~, Mary Anne Royal, Tony Szwed (7:20 pm)
 Alternates: ~~Donna Dahringer~~, Alternate I, Linda Bradway (7:30 pm), Alternate II
 Advisors: ~~Rich Mongelli~~
 Absent: shown by strikethroughs

Deb Polay was introduced by Member Royal as an interested resident who may join the Commission.

Minutes: September 16, 2020

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Kafarski made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Royal 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 Locandro.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink
 No meeting

Clean Communities – K. Klink

- Delaware River Clean Up – September 19, 2020
 Member Klink reported that the Clean Up was a success following careful procedures for Covid-19. She noted that statistical data is still being compiled.
- March on Litter proposal
 Member Klink reported that she is working on a procedure that will follow Covid-19 restrictions.

Recycling – K. Klink

- Household Clean Up Day – October 17, 2020 – 34 permits
 Secretary Klink reported that this clean-up day went smoothly, including a new separation of wood out of the waste. She noted that for 2021, the schedule will return to three dates, running from 7:30 am to 10:30 am, at the request of the DPW workers. The dates are as follows, for 2021: April 17, June 19, October 16.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board met. She reported that the application for a boundary line adjustment for the Opdyke property on Hewitt Road was adjourned to the December 1 meeting.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that there was a virtual meeting on October 19. She noted that for the Maresca-Martin project the State has found a possible resolution for access to the cemetery located on that property.

She noted that she is finalizing an easement for the Lee Lau project. She noted that the Curtis farm has received preliminary approval from SADC, which was granted in September for the nonprofit round; final approval is the next step.

Member Katz reported that there are three new properties being reviewed.

Member Katz discussed the Open Space and Improvement Plan being developed by the Recreation Committee. She noted that if this plan is approved by the County, the Township can get up to \$25,000.00 per year for maintenance of Township-owned open space. Member Katz stated that she has been reminding the Committee that the White Oak Trail needs to be included, as does the School Meadow Trail.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

It was noted that the subcommittee working on this is still waiting on Member Dahringer's information. It was noted that the Mummey property, related to the subdivision, does not need to be included due to the preservation of that property, with the farm.

Member Katz noted that additional columns should be added, as follows: one for GPS, one for the County. Secretary Klink, also Administrative Officer for the Planning Board, stated that GPS information is required as part of any subdivision. Said information goes to the County and could easily be copied to the Township.

There was a discussion about environmental easements that should be part of full disclosure at the time of property sales.

Schools – K. Klink

No extracurricular activities until further notice

Grants – M. Royal

Member Royal stated that the EC needs to figure out an approach for grant-filings. She stated that as discussed previously, the EC needs to have projects or goals, and then look for a grant to match. It was also decided that there should be a project discussion item on the EC agenda.

Some ideas, as follows were discussed:

- Renewable energy projects, such as a charging station

There was a discussion about charging stations. It was noted that there are three in Stockton, in the old Colligan Inn parking lot. It was noted that the County lists the locations of charging stations. There was an idea that there be a meter on any station, so that there is only charging at certain times. It was noted that the State only reimburses about \$6,500.00 for such projects.

- Solar energy at Dilts Park

This discussion included the topic of visibility and best location. It was noted that the suggestion was to use the Shack, as it has the best electrical infrastructure. It was also noted that placing it on the Pavilion would provide greater visibility.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski reported that he has seen nothing new on the website since the last meeting. He noted that at this time the only change that can be made is for the fourth quarter topic.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Not present

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Not present

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. White Oak Trail – work proposal from T&T

There was a discussion about two bids and the prices for two different projects. It was noted that one bid was for a hanging tree over the trail, between Quarry Road and Route 29. The other bid as was for the clearing of some trees along the upper part of the trail, near Federal Twist Road. The discussion continued, with the idea that if the two jobs are combined, the price would be \$1,600.00.

Member Klink made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$825.00 to drop the hanging tree. Member Katz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Locandro, Royal

Nay: None

Abstain: Szwed

Absent: Lockwood, Dahringer, Bradway

- b. Website

There was a discussion about bills for the website and items that have not been completed. Several members discussed the idea of asking for funds to be returned. Member Kafarski stated that he can print out material related to the requests that have been made, but not completed.

Member Katz stated that she will work on a draft about how to resolve the issues and then move forward. Chair Szwed asked that Vice Chair Katz take the lead on this project.

Members Katz, Kafarski, and Royal stated that they will compare the existing contract with the 2021 contract. Members of the EC stated that there should be a meeting with Kevin Eberle, who represents Trinity Website Company. Members agreed on Tuesday, November 10 or Wednesday, November 11 as the two dates to ask Kevin Eberle to appear before the Commission.

- c. Preliminary 2021 budget discussion – put on November agenda

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Ms. Deb Polay stated that she has been frustrated by the Township website, as well.

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

Chair Szwed asked members to think about goals or grant projects so that the EC can start a list and be forward thinking. He also stated that he wants to be able to use interns from Raritan Valley Community College as assistants on projects.

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2020

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

REMINDER: White Oak Trail Work Day – November 14, 2020, 8:30 to 11:30 am

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 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 – distribute 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, K. Klink for both dates

October 17 – 34 permits, 3 DPW employees

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

No April date – covid-19

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

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 – September 12, K. Klink – 62 participants

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.; 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

2020 March on Litter – November 6, 7, 8, independent times

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, Opdyke for PB, Block 19, Lots 29 & 29.01	September 13
October 18	November 15	December 13