

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. Vice Chair Katz opened the meeting at 7:07 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 update on October 29, 2020.

Roll Call

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

Also present: Deb Polay

Member Klink made a motion to recommend that Deb Polay be made an advisor. Member Royal seconded the motion that was adopted by voice vote. Secretary Klink noted that she would pass along the recommendation to the Township Committee.

Minutes: October 21, 2020

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

Website Discussion

It was noted that this meeting was set for this date with a start time of 7:00 p.m., with the intent of discussing the website and progress on the new website.

It was noted that Kevin Eberle of Trinity Media was present. It was further noted that for the duration of this discussion, the meeting will be led by Vice-Chair Katz, as Chair Szwed stepped down.

Vice Chair Katz thanked Mr. Eberle for attending. Vice Chair Katz stated that the new agreement has been reviewed by the Environmental Commission. Upon questioning, Mr. Eberle noted that the \$500.00 discount is a courtesy discount.

Member Kafarski reviewed the discussion that the Commission had with Mr. Eberle at the February meeting. Member Kafarski stated that the following items are either not present on the updated website, or have not been updated: the Event Calendar; a means of collecting email addresses; a gallery; notices. Vice Chair Katz noted that the resource link has not been added.

Member Kafarski stated that the information for the 4th Quarterly topic has not been provided to Mr. Eberle.

Mr. Eberle noted that the newer items are not being worked on and wished to have a list of the current information that is missing or is flawed.

Vice Chair Katz stated that after the February 19, 2020 discussion with Mr. Eberle, she went to the EC website to review what is there compared to the discussion summary from that February meeting. Vice Chair Katz noted that the website for the Rec Commission is easy to see and easy to access. She noted

that at the RC website it is easy to leave email information. She noted that at the RC website, one can view archived articles and the site is very easy to navigate.

Vice Chair Katz noted that access from a smart phone to the EC website is hard to find. She noted that the EC website is hard to navigate compared to the Rec Commission. She stated that she expected the same flexibility and ease of access for the EC website, compared to the Rec Commission website.

Mr. Eberle stated that is very interested in making this site successful.

Member Kafarski stated that he has a copy of an August 12 email to Mr. Eberle and that none of the requests on that email had been met.

Mr. Eberle apologized and stated that he wished to make it right and get what is needed.

Vice Chair Katz asked that there be a deadline date of one week from now for these corrections. She further noted that she wanted to do a comparison of the two agreements: 2019 and 2020 (proposed for 2021).

Mr. Eberle stated that he would do a full audit of the EC website and report to Secretary Klink.

There was a discussion about the single-page leaflets prepared by Member Locandro. Member Kafarski stated that he did not pass the revised information to Mr. Eberle. Member Kafarski stated that he found Member Locandro's documents to be more concise and easier to read, compared to the documents Member Kafarski downloaded for the EC website.

Vice Chair Katz asked about a "button" access to the EC website from the Township website. She noted that if a button cannot be done, then an access needs to be provided that is just as easy.

Vice Chair Katz noted that if need be, the EC will ask for a new domain. Mr. Eberle stated that a separate domain would create more visibility. Vice Chair Katz noted that she wants to move forward with what has been done but reiterated the need for more prominence. Chair Szwed stated that he agreed with that statement, that the website should be able to be more visibly seen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink
No meeting

Clean Communities – K. Klink

March on Litter was held on November 6, 7, 8, in a way to insure compliance with covid-19 restrictions. Clean Communities Coordinator Klink noted that there were more than 60 people and that 12 roads were done. She thanked Members Bradway, Katz, Klink, and Lockwood for being Road Captains.

Recycling – K. Klink

Recycling Coordinator Klink stated that there is not much new to report. She stated that she attended the November 10 SWAC meeting, as required.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz reported on the October meeting. She noted that for the Maresca-Martin project, the State may have found a way to access the cemetery on this property. She noted that the Lee Lau project is waiting for a final survey from the County, to include a County easement. She noted that the Curtis Farm has received preliminary approval from SADC for the non-profit round. Member Katz noted that there has been some discussion of preservation of the former Darling property, now owned by Yerkes. She noted that this property is adjacent to the Emmons Farm on Route 523. She concluded that there is an interest in a property on Sandbrook Headquarters Road for farmland preservation.

Member Katz discussed the Open Space Plan being reviewed at this time. She noted that it is necessary for the Recreation Commission to update their part of this plan in order to use the plan to obtain some money from the County Open Space money for maintenance of existing Open Space properties. She further noted that the White Oak Trail and the School Meadow Trail have been included in the inventory. She noted that historic properties could apply for County money using a different grant process.

Planning Board – K. Katz

There was no November meeting.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

Member Royal stated she is willing to head this group. Member Katz stated that the sheets have been revised to add a column for GPS, and one column for the fact that a map has been submitted. Member Dahringer reported to Secretary Klink that she had not finished her sheets, 13-20. It was suggested that Member Bradway might be convinced to complete these sheets.

Schools – K. Klink

Member Klink stated that there will be no updates until the school allows for extracurricular activities.

Grants – M. Royal

Member Royal reported that the NEEF grant being offered is specific to the affects of use on public Open Space due to COVID-19. She noted that she felt this grant could be an easy application.

Member Royal reminded members that work needs to be done at School Meadow Trail for the ANJEC grant that the EC has already received.

Website – J. Kafarski

Already discussed

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that Penn East is arguing that the pipeline project did not trigger review by Delaware and Raritan Basin Commission. She noted that she is not sure if the DRBC has had a meeting for review of the project.

Member Lockwood discussed a facility expansion at the Texas Eastern facility at the edge of the Township. She noted that a nearby resident has an air monitoring device and has reported spikes from gas release. It was noted that the spikes are consistently evident at about the same time, daily. Member Lockwood noted that there is no apparent location of reports of any releases from this facility.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Nothing new

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Projects

Chair Szwed expressed an idea that the EC develop a grant, based upon a sliding scale, to provide financial support for a project. He noted that the EC Fund could be used for this financial support.

- b. Charging Station at DTS

There was a discussion about a charging station at Delaware Township School. It was noted that an initial outlay of \$6,000 to \$6,500 may not be refunded by any grant offerings from the State. There was a

discussion about the type of charging station that is determined by how many hours of recharge are available. It was noted that if the School wants to take the lead, the EC might be able to support them.

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 stated that with the State ban on plastic and paper bags, the EC should look at using some money to purchase reusable bags. Clean Communities Coordinator Klink noted that part of the money from this ban will be going to NJ Clean Communities for that purpose.

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2020

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 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,

No April Clean-Up – covid-19

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

October 17 – NO EC volunteers - 34 permits, 3 DPW employees, no residents out of vehicles

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

K. Klink – 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; September 12 – 60 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., start/end times staggered at five registration points - K. Klink,

2020 – 125 participants; 31 miles along river; 93 bags of trash; 24 bags recycling; 1 bag Bulky material; 30 tires, boat parts, small trampoline, folding chairs, mattress

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 5, 6, 7, roadside drop-off points; K.Klink

2020 – 60 participants,

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, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Meet on Quarry Road

2020 – K.Klink, M. Royal, H. Tobachnick, D. Polay, R. Polay, C. Wheatley

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 – Opdyke, for PB, Block 19, Lots 20 & 29.01	September 13
October 18	November 15	December 13