

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 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT

Vice Chair Katz 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 December 10,2020.

**Roll Call**

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, ~~Roger Loeandro~~, Susan Lockwood, Mary Anne Royal, Tony Szwed

Alternates: ~~Donna Dahringer~~, Alternate I, Linda Bradway, Alternate II

Advisors: ~~Rich Mongelli~~, Deb Polay, Zack Burger

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

**Minutes:** November 11, 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 Kafarski seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed and found to be without error. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

No meeting

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that the statistics for the River Clean Up and the March on Litter are still being compiled. She reported that both events were well attended, considering the covid-19 restrictions.

Recycling – K. Klink

Nothing new

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Maresca project will be closing on Friday, November 13. She noted that the Lee Lau project is in the survey process and should close in January. She noted that the SADC will be having a meeting in December, and that the Curtis Farm is on the agenda. She noted that there is no new progress on the Yerk property on Route 523. Member Katz reported that Open Space Coordinator Katherine Fullerton noted that there is interest in a project on Sandbrook Headquarters Road. It was also noted that Ms. Fullerton will be updating the Farmland Preservation information for the Township.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that there was a boundary line adjustment approved for the Estate of Joyce Opdyke on Hewitt Road, Block 19, Lots 29 and 29.01. She noted that it was just a reconfiguration of the common boundary line. She also noted that the reconfiguration allows for greater protection of a C-1 tributary on the property. She noted that the applicants agreed to a conservation easement that encompasses the wetlands on both properties.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

Member Klink reported that she finalized the easement information for Tax Map pages 13-20. The Committee will meet to compile the information.

Schools – K. Klink

Nothing further until extracurricular activities are allowed.

Grants – M. Royal

Member Royal reported that she will review the information needed to write a NEEF grant. Members Katz and Klink agreed to meet with her to help with this grant.

Member Klink reported that she has followed up on the request from the Shade Tree Commission about pruning the street trees along Route 604 and the row of trees at Dilts along the swale. She noted that she has met with two companies for prices on this work.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski stated that site work on the website is in progress, following a similar evolution that the Township website has gone through. He noted that the list of items from ten months ago has been done.

Member Lockwood stated that the Township Committee is looking to reinstate the IT subcommittee to look over the technology/internet needs for the Township Committee, Boards, Commissions, and subcommittees. She noted that Mayor Herman has agreed to take that lead. It was discussed that an IT subcommittee should be represented by members of the various Commissions and Boards. She noted that in discussions with the Rec Commission, their website is smoother to operate but not exactly what they wanted.

Member Lockwood stated that this IT subcommittee should be able to move things forward and assess what the Township needs are. She noted that financial options also need to be considered.

Member Kafarski stated that the needs for the EC website are simple, but need to be done. Member Lockwood agreed that these issues need to be corrected and that the TC may have to consider a different company.

Member Katz stated that resources need to be posted with links, such as for Well Testing or the NJ DEP hotline number. Member Katz expressed her concern about the delays in getting requests completed.

Member Klink asked about a direct “button” link to the EC website, as the Rec Commission has. It was noted that the TC website may not have enough “space” for an additional link button.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that this subcommittee is meeting on December 17.

Member Lockwood reported about a resident who has installed an air monitor on his property and has reported emission spikes every Sunday at a certain time. She reported that the emission spikes may be coming from the Texas Eastern station on the edge of the Township. She stated that there have been attempts at getting the compressor station reports. She also noted that it may be useful to have other monitors in the Township. The EC discussed such a purchase.

Member Lockwood reported on a newspaper article concerning the Penn East action at the Supreme Court. She noted that the Supreme Court sent the request back to the US Justice Department.

Member Royal returned to the emission discussion. She noted that there is an Air Monitor Program at Rutgers. Member Lockwood stated that private firms could also be contacted. Member Lockwood also reported that it would be helpful to have someone interpret the emission report and/or find out where the reports are submitted. Chair Szwed questioned if that would be NJ DEP. Member Lockwood stated that she has been unable to contact someone at DEP to discuss this matter.

Member Royal stated that the Rutgers program is an Air Pollution Training program and that she will send the link to Member Lockwood.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood  
Nothing new

Projects – Chair Szwed

Chair Szwed reported the website is an important issue and that it is important to resolve the issues there.

Chair Szwed discussed the idea of an electric charging station. Member Royal stated that a slow charge is not practical. It was decided that there should be more research on this topic.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership renewals, as follows:

Linda Bradway, Alternate II, new term expires 2022

Kathy Katz, Liaison to PB, new term 2024 – 4 years for Class IV PB; (3 years for EC

Revised – D. Dahringer, finishes Alternate I term, expires 2021

M. Royal, finishes Dahringer term, expires 2022

It was noted that these recommendations will be made to Township Committee, including the addition of Deb Polay and Zack Burger as advisors.

- b. 2020 Budget money

Member Lockwood made a motion to approve \$450.00 for two London plane trees for Dilts Park. Member Kafarski seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Lockwood, Royal, Bradway, Szwed

Nay: None

Voting members absent: Locandro, Dahringer

There was a discussion about an air Monitor to be installed on Township property, probably at Dilts Park. There was a discussion about where the information would be sent and then posted to the EC website. It was noted that the most logical recipient would be the EC Secretary.

Member Royal reiterated that the Rutgers course would be a good starting point for this project. She agreed that the results would be posted on the EC website.

Member Kafarski made a motion to spend up to \$350.00 for an air monitor that would provide information about specific gasses, including carbon dioxide. Member Royal seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Lockwood, Royal, Bradway, Szwed

Nay: None

Voting members absent: Locandro, Dahringer

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

Members wished each other Happy Holidays!

NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2021

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:09 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 – 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  
 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 – K. Klink – 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 21, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull’s Island or Kingwood Boat Launch - K. Klink,

2020 - 125 participants; 13.5 miles along river, 93 bags trash; 24 bags recycling, 30 tires; pipes; boat parts; 1 small trampoline; 3 folding chairs; 1 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 6, 7, 8, Times determined by participants, K.Klink

2020 – 36 participants, 23.3 miles, 19 bags trash; 17.25 bags recycling, Car bumper, muffler  
 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 14, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. , Meet on Quarry Road

2020 – K. Klink, Jane Stehr, M. Royal and spouse, D. Polay and spouse, 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	September 13
October 18	November 15	December 13