

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission was held on the noted date, in the front parking lot of Bull's Island Recreation Area, along Route 29, Delaware Township, New Jersey; Vice Chair Katz opened the meeting at 7:08 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 21, 2020, updated on May 27, 2021 for this meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: ~~John Kafarski~~, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, ~~Roger Loandro~~, Susan Lockwood, ~~Mary Anne Royal~~, ~~Tony Szwed~~
 Alternates: ~~Donna Dahringer~~, Alternate I, Deb Polay, Alternate II
 Advisors: ~~Rich Mongelli~~, Zack Burger, ~~Karen Peters~~, ~~Josh Goldman~~
 Absent: shown by strikethroughs

Zack Burger introduced himself to the rest of the Commission. He noted that he has been involved with Community Gardens and suggested that the Township might be interested in establishing one. It was noted that the property around the Police Station might be a good location. Member Burger noted that using raised beds is a good option for identifying participants. There was also a discussion about test holes to analyze the soil.

Minutes: May 19, 2021

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Polay made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Lockwood seconded the motion. The minutes, as presented, were approved by voice vote with no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink, K Katz

No applications before the Planning Board

Clean Communities – K. Klink

No new activities

Recycling – K. Klink

Shredder Day, May 22, 2021, 61 cars, no weight total submitted to date
 Household Clean Up Day – June 19, 2021, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Lee Lau project has been cancelled due to a misunderstanding about land values of certain portions of the property. Member Katz noted that the Curtis Farm project will be closing soon and that no Township money was involved.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board had a discussion on the Cannabis Ordinance that was introduced by Township Committee. There was discussion about the classes of this program, i.e. growers, sellers, licenses, etc. She noted that the Township Committee recommended to opt out of five classes of the program at this time. She noted that the class for delivery would be left in.

There was a discussion about farmers using this as a cash crop. It was suggested that the Ag Advisory Committee might take a look at this and make a recommendation.

Member Katz also noted that this issue on cannabis might need to be included with the Reexamination of the Master Plan. It was further noted that by opting out, an ordinance can be submitted that will clarify the Town's stance on the topic and the Township can opt back in. Member Katz noted that this opting-out allows the Township to have some time to figure out what would benefit the Township.

The Planning Board agreed that the Township should opt out at this time, per the introduced ordinance, until there is more specific guidance from the State.

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board will have a work session on the Reexamination of the Master Plan in place of the regular July meeting.

Two elements of the Reexamination were discussed which the Environmental Commission can help develop. One element is the Conservation Element. Member Katz noted that the Reexamination can report on what is going on in the Township, including a summary about preservation. Member Lockwood noted that the 2012 plan should be checked for accuracy of information. She further noted if this element as written is too vague, more detail should be provided. The second element to be considered is green infrastructure.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal
Not present

Schools – K. Klink
Nothing further until September 2021

It was noted that the school has a new principal, Mr. Lipson.

Grants – M. Royal, D. Polay
Member Polay reported that the grant was submitted to NEEF, on 06.01.21 (National Environmental Education Foundation). She noted that Member Royal worked on this grant. She further noted that it is part of the 2021 Restoration and Resilience Fund: Covid-19 Recovery, and that the requested amount is \$2,500.00.

Website – J. Kafarski
Not present

Member Klink reported that the Township will be launching a new website by the beginning of July.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood
Member Lockwood noted that the next meeting is on June 18, 2021.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood
Nothing new to report

Projects – Chair Szwed

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Well Testing

Member Katz reported that she will be setting up a meeting with the Office Staff to schedule dates for Well Testing, including ordering the kits, picking them up, and dropping them off.

b. White Oak Trail Work – to start at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2021

The Environmental Commission will next meet on the noted date at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

Schedule of Events

2021 Towpath Trek, March 20, K. Klink, Deb and Rick Polay

28 adults, 8 children; 26 bags trash, 12 bags recycling; bike frame, chair frame,
Inflatable boat, hubcaps, tire, railroad car handle

2020 – March 21 – cancelled, covid-19

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

2021 Waterway Clean Up, April 17, K. Klink, Deb and Rick Polay

20 participants, about 3 miles; 4 bags trash, 6 bags recyclables, some metal

2020 – cancelled due to 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

2021 – Tree Recovery Campaign – distribute 1000 free trees, bundles of 5, April 28

K. Klink, K. Katz, M. Royal, D. Polay,

2020 – 1000 free trees, gone in an hour! K. Klink, Linda Bradway, Maria, Tony Szwed

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

2021 Household Clean Up Days

April 24, 2021, 52 permits sold, 3 DPW employees, J. Kafarski

June 19, 2021, 43 permits sold, 2 DPW employees

October 16, 2021,

2020 Household Clean Up Days (NO EC volunteers)

No April Clean-Up – covid-19

June 20 – 72 permits, 3 DPW employees, residents remain in vehicles

October 17 – 33 permits sold – 3 DPW employees, residents remain in 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

2021 Waterway Clean Up, K. Klink coordinates the Dunkard Church Road site for RHA

April 17 -

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2021 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. (participants counted as vehicles)

May 22, 2021, K. Klink, 61 participants

September 25, 2021, K. Klink,

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