

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; supported by the ZOOM platform for virtual meetings. Chair Szwed opened the meeting at 7:30 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 20, 2022, and for this special meeting on June 2, 2022.

Roll Call

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

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

Minutes: May 18, 2022

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Katz made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Polay 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, K Katz

Member Katz reported that there was an on-site inspection for Block 14, Lot 5, 22 Biser Road, the former ACE Greenhouse property. She noted that the inspection was completed on June 12, 2022; and that in attendance were: Joan Bailly, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink.

Member Katz described the proposed minor subdivision. She noted that the original Subdivision and Site Review committee met and reviewed the concept plan. Member Katz noted that the original concept showed a subdivision in need of three bulk variances. She noted that the variances resulted in the lack of compliance with the ordinance for flag acreage and the width of the flag pole. Member Katz stated that the applicant made the recommended changes, resulting in a plan only in need of one bulk variance. She noted that the flag lot conforms to seven acres and the flag pole complies in width. She also noted that the reconfigured lot puts all of the wetlands on the residential lot, in part because they cannot be farmed.

Member Katz noted the recommendations from the on-site inspection. She noted that the EC should recommend a conservation easement for the wetlands. She also noted that the greenhouses were unlocked and that there were chemicals, fertilizers, gasoline and other fuels that unsecured. The Commission recommended that a letter be written to secure these materials.

Member Katz noted that an LOI is not needed, as the wetlands were mapped from GIS.

There was a discussion about the possibility that the application is a major subdivision instead of a minor one. There was also a discussion about the possibility that this could be an agricultural subdivision.

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Clean Communities Coordinator Klink reported that a clean up was done on May 20, 2022 with the Raritan Learning Center, of Flemington, NJ. She noted that the clean up was done along the Inlet Trail, which is to be dedicated by the State on June 3, 2022.

Coordinator Klink noted that there were 14 participants, 3 bags of trash, and one large fabric cover. She further noted that the Delaware River Clean Up Day has been scheduled for September 17, 2022.

Recycling – K. Klink

Recycling Coordinator Klink reported that a new electronics company is going to come and meet with the DPW supervisor and review materials after June 18 Household Clean Up Day.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that there was a meeting on July 21. She noted that the final version of the farmland flyer is being reviewed. She noted that it will be put on the website and sent out to property owners with greater than 20 acres. She noted that Committee will be researching the prices for printing and postage. She further noted that this flyer is for farmland preservation, not open space preservation.

Member Katz reported that the Committee discussed the farmland preservation plan. She noted that they are waiting to reconfigure the statistical data and some maps. She noted that the narrative has been fixed. Member Katz stated that the old Agricultural Base Study can be included. She noted that the Committee is hoping to have the final version completed for the July meeting, for final review, to be incorporated into the Reexamination of the Master Plan.

Member Katz reported that the Open Space Committee reviewed the EC memo about Dilts Park. She stated that the memo was well received as a thorough document. She further noted that the document was acknowledged with a motion of receipt.

Member Katz reported that Township Committee Liaison Herman stated that this EC memo will be reviewed by the Township Committee and that some ideas may be implemented.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board is working on the Reexamination of Master Plans. She noted that the subcommittee has been working on the plan and is hoping to reach out to the Board Planner for finalization.

Member Katz reported that there is an application for a minor subdivision scheduled for the July 5 meeting.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

Member Royal was not present. Member Katz reported that the Easement Monitoring Committee has been finalizing letters and information to be sent out to property owners who hold easements. Member Katz noted that the easements are shown on tax maps and the Committee has prepared spreadsheets showing the easements found on the tax map pages.

Member Katz reviewed the documents being prepared. She noted that one is a letter to new property owners with easements. She noted that the Tax Assessor is providing a list of sales once per month for this purpose. She noted that another letter is the letter announcing the inspection of the easement. She also noted that a pamphlet of information is being prepared to go along with the letters.

Member Katz noted that the last bit of information is the follow-up report. She stated that they are hoping to approve all at the July meeting.

Schools – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that the School has 195 points towards Sustainable Jersey Schools, and that 150 points is needed.

Grants – M. Royal, D. Polay

Member Polay reported that there are no new grants to work on.

Member Klink reported that the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River grant work for Bull's Island has been completed. She noted that all plantings have been done and the maintenance has started. She noted that the grant money was spent and that reimbursement is expected upon delivery of the final report.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski reported that the link to the Flickr account has been set up. He noted that Member Polay sent pictures and he was able to get them up. He stated that the number of photos allowed will determine the cost of the link, if there is a cost.

Member Katz asked if captions can be added to the photos. Member Kafarski stated that he will look into that.

There was a discussion about a gmail account with a protected password to enable members to submit photos for the website. Member Polay questioned the protection of the photos on the website so that they cannot just be used by anyone. She also questioned approval of taking photos at EC events. Member Klink noted that most waivers have a section that directly addresses this issue, by asking for permission to use photos. Member Polay stated that the EC would have to make certain that no personal information is attached to the photos.

Member Kafarski stated that he would look at the Secaucus website concerning this privacy issue. He noted that the Secaucus site is run by the same website manager.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Not present

Projects – Chair Szwed

Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars
- b. New Schedule for 2022

There was a discussion about the events in the remainder of 2022 and who would be responsible for them. Chair Szwed asked Secretary Klink to do some research about these events.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rockfall Mitigation resolution

Commission Members discussed the prepared resolution. Member Katz made a motion to approve the resolution and recommend its acceptance to the Township Committee. Member Polay seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Locandro, Polay, Szwed

Nay: None

Absent: Lockwood, Royal, Burger

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.

There was a discussion about the EC Secretary position being vacated by Secretary Klink. She noted that it is not a position that has been posted for employment. The Commission discussed this. Secretary Klink was asked to prepare a document outlining the duties of the secretary which can then be sent to the Township Committee as a request for that position to be filled.

NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2022

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

2022 Towpath Trek, March 19, K. Klink

2021 Towpath Trek - 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

2022 Waterway Clean Up, April 23, K. Klink

K. Klink serves as site coordinator for this RHA site, #33

2021 Waterway Clean Up - 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

2022 Tree Recovery Campaign - TBD

2021 – 1000 free trees, 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

2022 Household Clean Up Days

April 30, 2022

June 18, 2022

October 15, 2022

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, 32 permits sold, 2 DPW employees
 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
- 2022 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. (participants counted as vehicles)
 May 14, 2022, K. Klink
 September 24, 2022, K. Klink
 2021 Shredder Days – May 22, 2021, 61 participants, September 25, 2021
 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
- 2022 Delaware River Clean Up, September 17, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., K. Klink
 Meet at Bull's Island or Kingwood Boat Launch - K. Klink
 2021 – 1xx participants
 2020 - 125 participants; 31 miles along river, 93 bags trash; 24 bags recycling; 30 tires, misc.
 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
- 2022 March on Litter – October 8, ch on Litter – October 9, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; K.Klink
 2021 – 128 participants, 19.2 miles; 18 bags trash; 7 bags recycling; two pipes, one tire, etc.
 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
- 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
- 2022 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 9	February 13	March 13
April 24	May 15	June 12
July - none	August 14	September 18
October 16	November 13	December 18