

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 6:35 p.m., per the addition of a presentation, per the Annual Notice Resolution, #2, 01.20.22.

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.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro (6:35 p.m.), 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: February 16, 2022

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Kafarski seconded the motion. The minutes were reviewed. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink, K Katz
No applications

Clean Communities – K. Klink
Towpath Trek, March 26, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that she is looking for data on the wages and expenditures related to Household Clean Up Day. She stated that with that data, a comparison of income vs. expenditures can be done.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz stated that the Open Space Committee met on February 22. Member Katz noted that Christian Bench developed a flyer for information on farmland preservation. Member Katz noted that the flyer was reviewed and comments were provided to the Open Space Coordinator so that changes can be made.

Member Katz noted that at the next meeting, on Monday, March 20, the pamphlet will be reviewed again.

Member Katz noted that with the Penn East pipe no longer a proposed project, the SADC may look at farmland along the Penn East easement. She further reported that farms, like the Kohler farm on Lambertville Headquarters Road, were denied because of the Penn East easement on their farm. Member Katz further noted that the SADC is still sorting out the process, but that there is no forward movement on the pipeline properties.

Member Katz reported that the Farmland Preservation element needed for the reexamination will be worked on by the Open Space Committee. She stated that this topic will also be reviewed at Monday's meeting.

Member Katz reported that the Committee is contemplating a flyer for preserving open space that is also not farmland, to be followed by meetings for public outreach.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Planning Board had a meeting in February to discuss the Trap Rock ten-year license renewal, including the reclamation plan. She noted that this renewal coincides with the Master Plan. She noted that the plan has not changed from the 2012 license and reclamation plan.

Member Katz stated that she will discuss with the Planning Board the idea of public meetings to discuss the Trap Rock renewal license.

Member Katz also discussed language change about easement monitoring. She noted that the Township Committee and the Township Attorney suggested that the language currently in the ordinance may need to be revised and clarified.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

Member Royal stated that the Easement Monitoring Subcommittee met and developed a letter to Township Committee to verify the accuracy of information that was provided concerning easement issues. Member Royal noted that once the language verification is given to the Commission, the Subcommittee will adjust the letter to property owners when a property is going to be monitored.

Member Royal also noted that the subcommittee was given information about recent sales of properties that have easements. She noted that the subcommittee will develop a "welcome" letter with information about the easement.

Member Royal reported that the subcommittee will meet again on March 30.

Schools – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that the School Green Team is hosting an Earth Day Celebration on April 14, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She noted that there will be various groups providing information about being green and sustainable.

It was suggested that the EC make the bluebird boxes available for order at this Celebration.

Member Klink reported that anyone who wants to help can contact her.

Grants – M. Royal, D. Polay

Member Polay reported that another ANJEC is available in the amount of \$1,500.00. Member Royal stated that it should be reviewed to see if there a project can be attached to this grant. Secretary Klink stated that there is a girl scout looking for a project for which this money can be applied. It was noted that this application is due May 2.

Secretary Klink reported that Member Polay has volunteered to help with Sustainable Jersey certification.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski reported that the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 topic will be the Ban the Bag project. Member Lockwood provided her email address to get the written information from the newsletter.

Member Kafarski stated that he reviewed the EC website and has found it easy to use. He also reviewed the Secaucus municipality website, which is developed by the same web developer. He noted that the external photo site used by Secaucus is flicker. He noted that it seems to be a boiler plate site for photos. Member Kafarski stated that he will do further research.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported on this committee. She noted that the committee has met and then changed their meeting date. Member Lockwood stated that the committee had a conversation and

discussion about the goals and objectives for this group. She noted that the group discussed grant opportunities, especially for plantings for Lower Creek Road and then received information from the Engineer that FEMA will cover the costs of those plantings. She noted that the group has no specific project at this time but would like to start a public outreach program.

Member Lockwood also noted that the Chairperson will be reaching out to neighboring communities to discuss coordinated information about the Wickecheoke and Lockatong Creeks, including the headwaters. There was some discussion about the Rose Creek project.

Member Lockwood stated that another project to be researched is encouraging rain gardens and/or rain barrels. She noted that part of the research can include someone with this type of expertise. She further noted that the Township Committee is interested in this education aspect.

Projects – Chair Szwed

Chair Szwed noted that he will probably start construction of bluebird boxes again. Secretary Klink reported that she will ask to see if order forms can be available at the Earth Day Celebration.

Secretary Klink reported that there is a Habitat Restoration Project at Bull's Island, with major planting to occur on April 30 and May 1.

Steve Willbur of Sandy Ridge Road was present. He asked about expanding trails on the other tract adjacent to Dilts Park, the tract that was the former Kean property, at the corner of Buchanan and Sandy Ridge Roads. Mr. Wilbur suggested that there could be a bird trail there, with boxes. He noted that this property does not have any backyards nearby.

Chair Szwed noted that a park planner is being hired to develop future plans for Dilts Park. He noted that the various Boards, Committees, and Commissions have been asked for input.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars
- b. New Schedule for 2022, follows the agenda – page 2

NEW BUSINESS

a. Dilts Park recommendations by subcommittee of three members who walked the park
The Commission reviewed the recommendations made by the subcommittee of the EC that walked Dilts Park to look for environmental constraints and areas that could be enhanced. Members agreed that the language should be amended slightly, to include an introduction asking that the EC be considered for inclusion for the meetings with the Park Planner. Member Klink made a motion to approve the document to be passed along to TC and all of the various Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Member Lockwood seconded the motion that was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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: April 20, 2022

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

ADJOURNMENT : 7:30 p.m.

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

SPECIAL NOTE: Presentation at this time by AR WILLEY - Tree Talk – what to replace dead ash trees with?

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, 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.

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| January 9 | February 13 | March 13 |
| April 24 | May 15 | June 12 |
| July - none | August 14 | September 18 |
| October 16 | November 13 | December 18 |