

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission was held on the noted date in the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd. (County Road 604), Sergeantsville, New Jersey; Vice Chair Kafarski opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## STATEMENT

Vice Chair Kafarski 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 March 2, 2023.

## Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Roger Locandro,  
Tony Szwed, Susan Lockwood, Mary Anne Royal  
Alternates: Deb Polay, Alternate I, Josh Goldman, Alternate II  
Advisors: Rich Mangelli, Karen Peters (8:30 pm), Diana Garibaldi,  
Devin Cornia

Absent:        Shown by ~~strikethrough~~

**Minutes:** Minutes March 15, 2023

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Katz made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Lockwood seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed and with one correction were approved. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## Planning Board/Site Inspection - K. Katz

No site inspections.

## Clean Communities - S. Lockwood

Member Kafarski shared with the committee via email the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Report as well as recycling scale tickets thus far in 2023, supplied to us by DPW.

Shredder Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 13.

3 dates have been scheduled for Household Cleanup day, April 29, June 17 and October 7. Information on permits and items accepted can be found on the website.

Open Space - S. Lockwood, K. Katz

Member Katz reported the following:

- Open space committee is working on updating the flyer and adding useful tools about Farmland Preservation, for the website.
- Discussions about possible preservation with homeowners from Boars Head Road, whose property abuts Plum Brook.

Easements - K. Katz

Still waiting to hear about a contact person at DT, until then EC can't go forward with letter and brochure from Easement Committee.

Schools - S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported everything is ready to go for Earth Day on April 20, and they are expecting a good turnout.

Grants - K. Katz, D. Polay

Moved to Old and New Business

Website - J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski will post to our website the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Report as well as recycling scale tickets thus far in 2023, supplied to us by DPW.

Stormwater Management - S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported a 25K grant was received as the first installment to be used to map out the storm chains. There was a request for a SM committee member to write an article about stormwater management requirements for the next "Bridge".

Projects

Karen Peters is working with the Master Gardener team from Rutgers to host an educational presentation "Gardening with Wildlife" for Delaware Township residents. Options presented were June 21, 2023 or September 20, 2023. To be discussed and finalized during May 17, 2023 Environmental Commission meeting.

## Old Business

Grants - Member Katz reported the Sustainable Jersey grant submitted in March is still under review and we expect to hear an announcement on the grant approval by end of April. This grant would be used to produce a complete list of trails, open spaces, their facilities, and have it posted on the web and as a brochure/map.

White Oak Trail maintenance- The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with NJDEP to maintain the trail that was renewed on 6/7/2018 expires on 6/7/2023. Member Katz will create a resolution to extend the MoA and present for approval during the Delaware Township Committee meeting in May. Member Kafarski made a motion to approve, Member Lockwood seconded the motion, all committee members voted in favor.

Resident Kathy Klink reported the floor on the bridge is rotting out, and offered to follow up to ask the Eagle Scouts or Girl Scouts if they have interest in a project to repair the bridge.

## New Business

Easements- Member Katz reported the ANJEC open stewardship grant of \$1500 was submitted on April 16. Endorsement by township committee was confirmed. If approved, the Easement sub-committee will use the grant as part of the Easement Outreach program (flyer, printing costs, envelopes, mass mailing, postage, etc.) The flyer and welcome letter have already been finalized. Estimated 400 property owners with easements. Grant will be awarded by 5/13/2023. Thanks to Deb Polay and John Kafarski for their help with the grant.

Other- Member Katz reported the Environmental Commission now has an official Delaware Township email address, currently used by Member Katz for sustainable grant correspondence.

Member Katz shared Raritan Headwaters is hosting the “Private Well Outreach and Lead Education” webinar on April 25, that will explain how our community can earn points toward our Sustainable Jersey certification.

## MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Kathy Klink, Ferry Rd, noted the following:

- Raritan Headwaters hosted their annual stream cleanup on April 15. In the past they used the EC. She recommended for next year we put sponsorship forward. The funding can come from the clean communities budget.

- Recommended EC committee discuss who will run “March for Litter”, usually the 2nd week in October.
- Possible easement violation on Zentek Road, with clearing wetlands. Kathy is going to call the DEP hotline- to report anonymously.

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2023

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:05 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Garibaldi