

February 15, 2023

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; Chair Szwed opened the meeting at 7:37 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 26, 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, Diana Garibaldi,
~~Devin Cornia~~

Absent: Shown by ~~striketrough~~

Minutes: Minutes January 18, 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 four corrections were approved. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board/Site Inspection - K. Katz

Member Katz reported the Planning Board met in the beginning of February. They discussed the Sustainable Jersey Grant and using open space inventory to prepare the master plan.

No site inspections.

Clean Communities - S. Lockwood

Member Szwed reached out to Amanda and is waiting for response.

Clean-up days will be posted in newsletter.

Open Space - S. Lockwood, K. Katz

Susan reported they were working on the comprehensive farmland preservation plan. They meet the last Monday in February.

Easement - K. Katz

See Old Business

Schools - S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood shared that at the Green Team meeting they discussed the April Earth Day Celebration. EV plugs were also a topic, noting East Amwell was declined, in their efforts to install EV's from Planning Board.

Grants - K. Katz, D. Polay

See Old Business

Website - J. Kafarski

Calendar is up. Member Kafarski will post member Garibaldi's article on medication disposal.

Stormwater Management - S. Lockwood

Susan was asked to check status of work on Lower Creek Road. Member Lockwood reported she has new building key.

Old Business

Member Szwed reported the Environmental Commission received a letter, dated 12/19/2022 concerning request for a bridge through wetlands on private property.

Member Katz reiterated need for contact person, until then EC can't go forward with letter and brochure from Easement Committee.

Discussion about easements and contact/point person brought about a letter to the Township Committee concerning lack of easement review. Is Mike Mullins Zoning responsible for confirming conservation easements?

Tony is forwarding Monica Orlando job description for EC secretary, for the Township Committee to review.

Grants - Member Katz reported the deadline was met for the \$2,000. Sustainable Jersey Grant. The grant team will be at Township meeting to oversee the resolution's approval, February 21, 2023. Budget template is available for EC as well as letters of support and a list of stakeholders. Alix Bacon from NJCF is also supporting the grant.

New Business

We discussed the increase in ANJAC dues. It puts EC over initial budget for "dues". Kathy Katz made a motion to pay \$400 ANJAC dues. John Kafarski seconded it. All yes through voice vote. Motion passed. EC needs to submit members of board to ANJAC.

White Oak Trail - Member Kafarski will contact Amanda and show her the 7 down trees on trail. Will DPW clean this up?

K. Katz reminded us about yearly grants through Sustainable Jersey; they open in November and close in February - for the future.

The EC received a notification from a private residence on Sandy Ridge/Mt. Airy Road, requesting a permit 10-A for a new bridge through wetlands. Member Kafarski checked for a conservation easement. Member Lockwood noted the request was incomplete, there was no place to send the committee comments. EC will tell DEP there is insufficient information.

Meeting open to the public for comments or questions.

Kathy Klink, Flemington, NJ was in attendance.

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Next Environmental Commission meeting will be 03/15/2023.

Adjournment

8:59 p.m.

Member Kafarski made a motion to adjourn; member Katz seconded it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Polay