

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 7:32 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 (7:54 pm), Diana Garibaldi,
Devin Cornia

Absent: Shown by ~~strikethrough~~

Minutes: Minutes April 19, 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 Polay seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed and with six corrections were approved. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board/Site Inspection - K. Katz

Member Katz reported they are coordinating with GoHunterdon the spring walkability assessment, to hopefully occur sometime next month.

Clean Communities - S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted 50 permits were issued for household clean-up day on June 17.

Open Space - S. Lockwood, K. Katz

No meeting.

Easements - K. Katz

Nothing new to report.

Schools - S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported Earth Day on April 20 was very successful and well organized.

Grants - K. Katz, D. Polay

Sustainable NJ Grant:

- Member Katz was pleased to announce we were awarded the Sustainable NJ Grant in the amount of \$2,000! This grant will go towards the project to complete the Delaware Township "Inventory and Mapping of Public Access Open Spaces".
- Member Katz and Chad Bower will be attending the award ceremony on May 22, to be held at Trenton State. After May 22, there will be a press release.
- A memo will be sent to most of the boards in the Township seeking feedback on what type of information should be included. A thank you letter will be sent to the (1) DT School Green Team (2) Girl Scouts and (3) NJ Conservation for submitting letters of support.
- Member Katz and member Polay will seek additional feedback/ideas from DT residents via articles they will post on the DT web-site and three local Facebook groups; deadline for feedback is end of June.
- Member Katz reported we must submit the final report to Sustainable NJ by May 31, 2024.

ANJEC Grant: Member Katz reported on May 12 we were notified by ANJEC that unfortunately we did not make the cut. She is requesting feedback from ANJEC on our application input and whether it is worth applying next year. This grant would have been used on the Easement Outreach program (flyer, printing costs, envelopes, mass mailing, postage, etc.).

Website - J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski noted he is working on uploading a bio for member Royal.

Stormwater Management - S. Lockwood

No updates to report.

Projects

“Bluebird Trail” at Dilts Park- Diana Garibaldi reported that two additional bluebird houses were installed on May 14th in the same vicinity as the others, near Buchanan, making a total of six. Three of the original four houses that were installed on March 12 has bluebird activity, and the fourth is occupied by tree swallows. As a next step, continue monitoring and work on providing updates and pictures, to share on the DT web-site.

Presentation “Gardening with Wildlife”- Karen Peters confirmed the presentation, by Lisa Parent, will be held on Wednesday June 21, at 7:30 pm, directly after the Environmental Commission meeting, which will start one hour early, at 6:30 pm. The educational presentation will be held at the Delaware Township Municipal Building and is open to all Delaware Township residents. Advisor Karen, member Polay and member Katz will coordinate next steps to create flyers to notify residents and bagging seeds to give away.

Old Business

Discussion about EC Secretary- no updates.

White Oak Trail maintenance-

- Member Katz prepared a resolution to extend the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), however needed to contact NJ DEP with a series of questions to gain clarification on effective date and whether a resolution is sufficient. NJ DEP responded they will need time to research and will get back to us.
- No update on trail maintenance.

New Business

Dilts Park Master Plan- meeting with the mayor

Meeting was held on May 3 with Chair Szwed. No additional update since Chair Szwed was absent.

Township’s MS4 Stormwater Permit Reporting Requirement- educational component

Member Katz reported a meeting was coordinated with Environmental Commission, DPW and Township Engineer on coordinating requirements and responsibilities for putting together reports up front, in advance.

Green Team Subcommittee-

Member Katz reported she will share the link to the Sustainable Hunterdon webinar which covers how to go about earning Sustainable NJ points and get certification.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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Member Kafarski noted the NJ Department of Agriculture announced they are accepting applications for Deer Fencing grants for unpreserved farm owners. Unpreserved farm owners may receive up to 50% matching funds if their application is approved.

NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2023

The Environmental Commission will next meet on the noted date at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 pm

Member Katz made a motion to adjourn; member Royal seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Garibaldi