

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 7:33 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 March 2, 2023.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski (8:13 pm), Kathy Katz, ~~Roger Locandro~~,
Tony Szwed, Susan Lockwood (7:41pm), Mary Anne Royal
Alternates: Deb Polay, Alternate I, ~~Josh Goldman~~, Alternate II
Advisors: ~~Rich Mangelli~~, Karen Peters, Diana Garibaldi,
Devin Gornia

Absent: Shown by ~~strikethrough~~

Minutes: Minutes July 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 two corrections were approved. Said motion was approved by voice vote, with an abstention by Member Royal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board/Site Inspection - K. Katz

Member Katz reported:

- The walkability assessment with goHunterdon was completed on July 20, 2023 and went very well. The information and feedback that was provided will be assessed and a circulation plan will be developed.

Clean Communities - S. Lockwood.

Nothing new to report.

Open Space - S. Lockwood, K. Katz

Nothing new to report.

Easements - K. Katz

Nothing new to report.

Schools - S. Lockwood

Nothing new to report.

Grants - K. Katz, D. Polay

Sustainable NJ Grant: Member Katz reported that the concept and narrative of the “Public Access Open Space” interactive mapping design was sent to the web company, who, after review, confirmed they could not support it. Instead, they are able to support a PDF at no charge. The PDF will allow “clicks” to get more information about a specific location, as well as links to other pages, as needed. As a next step, member Katz, member Polay and advisor Peters will gather the open space data for the PDF.

Website - J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski noted the web-site is up to date.

Stormwater Management - S. Lockwood

Nothing new to report.

Projects

Lower Wild and Scenic Delaware River - Refer to “New Business”

Old Business

Discussion about EC Secretary- no updates.

Dilts Park Master Plan- no updates.

Update on Annual Well Water Testing-

- The first well water testing kit sale was held on Wednesday September 20, 2023, from 5 pm - 7 pm at the Delaware Township Municipal Building. We received a total of 42 pre-orders and several walk-ins. Member Katz noted the total # of samples ordered will be

reported in October's meeting and the analysis & results will be reported in December's meeting.

Additional Well Water Testing Dates:

- Well Water Testing Sample Kit Sale #2 - Saturday September 23, 2023, 9 am - 12 Noon, at the Delaware Township Municipal Building.
- Well Water Testing Sample Kit Return- Sample containers and completed paperwork must be returned to the Township Department of Public Works Garage (816 Sergeantsville Rd.) on Monday September 25, 2023 between 7:00 am and 9:30 am.

New Business

Update on White Oak Trail maintenance-

- Member Kafarski noted brush hogging was completed and the trail is now in great shape. Chair Szwed noted we need to develop a better plan to fund trail maintenance in 2024. This discussion will be added to the October 18th agenda.

Follow-up and Decision- Presentation by Robert McEwan-Lower Wild and Scenic Delaware River

- The draft resolution to endorse the Lockatong, Wickecheoke and Alexauken Creeks to enhance protection of the Lower Delaware Rivers and its' tributaries was reviewed by the commission. Member Kafarski made a motion to approve. Member Royal seconded the motion. Said motion was approved by voice vote.
- The draft resolution will be presented to the Township Committee for final approval on October 10th, 2023. Background information outlining the benefits will also be provided.
- Member Katz noted that Kingwood Township and West Amwell approved a similar resolution, but if Delaware Township does not approve, the other municipalities can not move forward, even if they approved.

March on Litter: Kathy Klink- March on Litter date was confirmed for October 14th, 2023 at Dilts Park, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

DTS Green Team- EV Charging Station(s) - Mary Lyons

Mary Lyons presented information to promote EV charging stations. Location sites on Delaware Township properties to be determined. It was noted grants are available from goHunterdon up to \$5000 towards the cost of L2 EV chargers. (L2 = approximately 25 mile charge in 1 hour). The cost does not include the infrastructure to run power lines.

To move forward, the commission will need to gauge the interest and approval of the township committee. As a next step a summary will be developed to highlight the benefits and cost. Member Kafarski and advisor Peters will help with developing a plan.

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There were no comments or questions from the public.

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- Susan Lockwood noted topics for the next township newsletter must be submitted by the October 27.
- Advisor Peters voiced concern about little to no notification occurring to alert residents about the timing and contents of the weed treatment “spray” used at Dilts Park on the ball fields, and on occasion the trails. Advisor Garibaldi noted last year the township posted a legal notice and also uploaded the information about the herbicide to the DT web-site calendar. As a follow-up advisor Garibaldi will contact Amanda Khan (DPW) who now oversees the weed treatment.

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2023

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:23 pm

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Garibaldi