

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 7:34 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, Kathy Katz, ~~Roger Locandro~~,
Tony Szwed, Susan Lockwood, Mary Anne Royal
(Note: Chair Szwed left at 8:51 pm)

Alternates: Deb Polay, Alternate I, ~~Josh Goldman~~, ~~Alternate II~~

Advisors: ~~Rich Mangelli~~, Karen Peters, Diana Garibaldi,
~~Devin Cornia~~

Absent: Shown by ~~strikethrough~~

Minutes: Minutes October 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 Polay seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed and with one correction 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:

- Board of Adjustment liaison voiced concern that the current escrow fees charged to applicants are not enough, and proposed increasing the up front cost.
- The Planning Board is evaluating whether to amend the ordinance for land use, to increase use of accessory buildings from ≤ 900 feet to ≤ 1200 feet.

Clean Communities & Recycling

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 the sub-committee met to review all blocks and lots of Delaware Township public access open spaces. A spreadsheet was sent to Alix Bacon to highlight public access spaces owned or managed by NJCS. The sub-committee is also working on the web-site design.

Website - J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski noted the March for Litter “Reboot” was uploaded to the website.

Stormwater Management - S. Lockwood

Nothing new to report.

Projects-

No new projects to report.

Old Business

White Oak Trail - Maintenance Update

Member Kafarski to ask DPW to confirm they will be able to mow the trails next summer. Suggesting 1-2 days or up to 3 mows.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station- Sub Committee Update

Nothing new to report.

Lower Wild and Scenic Delaware River - Resolution Update

Nothing new to report.

Dilts Park Pesticide Spray Application Updates

Tabled to our December 20 meeting.

New Business

Presentation by Matt Sweet - Lockatong Bank Restoration Project

Matt Sweet provided an overview of a stabilization project on his property on Raven Rock Road, that abuts the Lockatong Preserve owned by Hunterdon Land Trust. The project entails excavating and reshaping the creek to help with erosion control and avoid cutting away arable soil in the canal and on his property. The work is being done through a grant from NRCS, where Mr. Sweet will be refunded up to 130K once the project is completed. Mr. Sweet stated today is just an introduction and a heads up that when he applies for a permit the notification will come to the Environmental Commission. He asked that we be the advertising point, and point of contact to promote this project.

Tree Planting Discussion

Motion to approve up to \$750 to plant 2 Red Maple Trees on Higgins property on Route 523, by Member Royal, seconded by Member Lockwood and approved by Roll Call: MaryAnne Royal - yes, Susan Lockwood - yes, Kathy Katz - yes, John Kafarski - yes, Deb Polay - yes.

Membership for 2024

Tabled to our December 20 meeting.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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- Member Katz: we need to discuss who is responsible for keeping track of Tier A Stormwater Permit? The Tier A MS4 permit (Part IV, G) requires Delaware Township to submit an Annual Report and Certification summarizing the status of compliance with the

permit. In addition, a Supplemental Questionnaire must be completed that asks for more details regarding Delaware Township's implementation of its stormwater program that includes but is not limited to its shared responsibilities, its ordinances and stormwater facilitates. The reports must be submitted electronically to the NJDEP, due May 1, 2024.

NEXT MEETING: December 20, 2023

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:14 pm

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Garibaldi