

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission was held on the noted date, in the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Road (County Route 604), Sergeantsville, New Jersey. Vice Chair Katz opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT

Chair Szed 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 17, 2019.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, ~~Roger Locandro~~,
Susan Lockwood, ~~Rich Mongelli~~, Tony Szwed
Alternates: ~~Donna Dahringer, Alternate I, Mary Anne Royal, Alternate II~~
Advisors: ~~Joe Kucowski~~, Alan Scott

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

Minutes: October 16, 2019

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Kafarski seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed, and changes were made including typographical errors. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that at this time, Penn East has petitioned the US Supreme Court to overturn the decision about eminent domain.

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

No applications

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that there was a mini-version of the Delaware River Clean Up involving the Raritan Learning Cooperative and the DTS middle school Environmental Congress. She noted that the Hunterdon County Clean Communities Coordinator was present as well as the East Amwell Clean Communities Coordinator. She further noted that there were four community members present.

Results of this mini-clean up, along about 0.5 miles of the Delaware River at Bull's Island:

7 bags trash; 4 bags recycling

OTHER: 1 tire, 1 grill, 1 metal pipe, 2 55-gallon drums (one empty, one not), 1 35-gallon drum – empty, 4 four-foot pieces of plastic planks

Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink noted that there are still problems at the DPW container for glass, aluminum, tin. She also noted that there are residents who are complaining about the plastic inside that container.

Member Lockwood stated that she attended a meeting about recycling at the NJ League of municipalities about recycling. She noted that the State legislature is trying to pass a ban on single use plastic bags, to be followed by paper bags. She noted that this bill would ban straws as well,

making them only available upon request. She noted that they may have the votes to pass this bill possibly before the end of the year.

Member Lockwood further remarked that the State is looking for new end markets for plastic and recyclables. She noted that there is research being done on a food waste bill that would require food waste to go to a digester. She noted that these machines create renewable natural gas and compost.

Member Lockwood noted that at this meeting there was further discussion about other ideas for recycling. It was noted that the best plastic for recycling are those numbered 1, 2, and 5. She noted that #5 is valuable and that one example is vitamin bottles.

Member Lockwood noted that in the town of Wyckoff, they have a single hauler, which makes it better to disseminate recycling information to the whole community. She noted that there is a Recycling Coach app that can be personalized to the Township.

Member Lockwood stated that the conclusion from this meeting is that the next few years will be a transition time and that recycling will be costly while the system is retooled. She noted that the speakers were optimistic that things will level off, possibly within five years. She further noted that it would be helpful if the State were to provide incentives to get recycling companies to move in.

Member Lockwood concluded by stating that the bottom line is for residents to try to get away from buying anything in plastic packaging.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz noted that the Planning Board met, but has no pending applications. She further noted that there will be continued discussion about the proposed groundwater protection ordinance being blended into the existing ordinance.

Open Space Committee – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that the Maresca Martin project is moving forward. She noted that the cemetery access easement has been dropped.

Member Lockwood noted that the State Agricultural Development Board (SADC) has issued information about two possible decisions. She noted that one decision concerns impervious coverage on preserved farmland. She noted that the second proposal is about the approval of special events on preserved farms. She noted that the State is taking the proposal to each County for stakeholder outreach. Member Lockwood suggested that it be placed on the Planning Board December agenda.

Member Lockwood stated that the number of events would be based on farm income. She opined that such events may not fit a neighborhood. She stated that she felt that there should be a discussion about these proposed events, concerning types of events, number of attendees, etc. She noted that this could have an impact on zoning and that there may be an environmental impact as well. She noted that this is the time for comments.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that there is nothing new except that the stormwater component on Zentek Road has been installed.

Easement Monitoring – R. Mongelli/J. Kafarski

Secretary Klink reported that she discussed with Michelle Trivigno, Tax Assessor the process for obtaining a list of properties with easements. She had this discussion to find out what the old process was. Secretary Klink noted that it is basically a map search that could be developed into a data base.

Schools – K. Klink

Secretary Klink reported that she met with the School Environmental Congress group. She noted that they are ready to volunteer.

Grants – K. Klink

Secretary Klink developed a listing of potential grants. Commission members were asked to review the list and see which grants look promising.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski reported Trinity came back with a proposal of \$975 for a website with a direct link to the Township website. Chair Szwed recused himself on this matter.

There was a discussion about moving the money from the EC Fund to pay for this proposal. It was decided to table the discussion until there is verification of an annual maintenance cost that would have to be included in next year's budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars

NEW BUSINESS

- b. Form Green Team – resolution and support materials

Member Katz made a motion that a recommendation be made to the Township Committee that there be a Green Team Committee made up of EC members. Member Kafarski seconded the motion that was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

- c. NJ Tree Recovery – resolution of support from TC

Member Katz made a motion that a recommendation be made to the Township Committee for support of this program that is of no cost to the Township. Member Kafarski seconded the motion that was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: December 18, 2019

The Environmental Commission will next meet on the noted date at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

SCHEDULED EVENTS

2019 Towpath Trek, March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull's Island

K. Klink

2019 – 34 adults, 5 children; 44 bags trash, 49 bags recycling, 2 bags scrap metal
2 metal posts, 1 desk, construction cone, 2 each – air mattress, blow-up raft
1 mail box in concreted milk can

2018 – 16 adults, 3 children; 15 bags trash, 10 bags recycling (no plastic)
1 steel sign post, 1 metal pole, 1 muffler, 2 rolls of wire

2019 – Tree Recovery Campaign – distribute 750 free trees, bundles of 5

K. Klink

April 10 – 4:30 to 7:00 pm – KK, Alan Scott, Mary Anne Royal

2019 Clean Up Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., members needed for assistance

April 27 – John Kafarski, Rich Mongelli - 53 permits collected, steady flow of traffic

June 15 – Mongelli Family – Rich, Grace, John, 33 permits

October 19 – Roger Locandro, 43 permits, two (2) no-shows

2019 Waterway Clean Up, April 13, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

K. Klink –

2019 – 16 participants, 7 bags trash, 10 bags recycling
1 stove, 2 rugs, 1 tire, 1 tarp

2018 – 12 participants; 6 bags of trash; 4 bags recycling; 4 pipes;
1 rusted cart (like a hand truck) with 2 wheels; 3 sign/fence posts

2019 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

May 18, K.Klink – 43 participants – same day as Townwide Yard Sale

May, 2018 – 48 participants (2017 - 68 participants)

September 14, K.Klink – 62 participants

September, 2018 – 46 participants (2017 - 47 participants)

2019 River Clean Up, September 21, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull's Island or Kingwood Boat Launch - K. Klink,

2019 – 102 participants; 48 bags trash; 11 bags recycling (NO plastic recycled); 4 bags of
Scrap; 5 "bags" bulky debris – too large for bags; 15 tires; other items

2018 – 90 participants; 53 bags of trash; 35 bags recycling; 1 bag scrap recycling

2019 – Mini River Clean Up, Friday, November 15, 2019, 11:30 to 2:30

2019 – combined group DTS, River Learning cooperative, residents,

20 people – about 8 bags trash; 6 recycling, 1 tire, 1 grill, two 55-gallon drums, 1 30-gallon drum

2019 March on Litter – October 12, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

K.Klink

2019 – 99 participants, 14.85 miles; 16 bags trash; 24 bags recycling; 4 tires

2018 – 58 participants; 11.1 miles cleaned; 18 bags trash; 6 bags recycling; 1 tire

2017 – 80 participants; 18 bags of trash, 6 bags recycling, 6 tires, 1 TV, 1 table

2019 White Oak Trail Day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. , Meet on Quarry Road

K. Klink – members Alan Scott, John Kafarski and Wyatt, Kathy Katz, Susan Lockwood,
Tony Szwed; Also – Bob Hornby, Sam Davis, Dale Hazard

2019 Planning Board inspection committee for pending applications

Also to be used for Easement Monitoring, per item #3, Delaware Township Planning Board
Annual Meeting Notice Resolution, #01-2017.

January 13	February 10	March 10
April 14	May 12	June 9
July 14	August 11	September 8
October 13	November 10	December 8