

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. Chair Szwed opened the meeting at 7:00 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 17, 2019.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, ~~Roger Locandro~~, Susan Lockwood (7:30 p.m.), Rich Mongelli (7:30 p.m.), Tony Szwed
Alternates: Donna Dahringer, Alternate I, Mary Anne Royal, Alternate II
Advisors: ~~Joe Kucowski~~, Alan Scott

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

It was noted that Linda Bradway was present to become an advisor for the Environmental Commission. Another resident who expressed interest is Matt Baldwin, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Minutes: November 20, 2019

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Katz 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, with abstentions by Member Royal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that there are no updates on the progress of Penn East and its request to put aside the eminent domain decision.

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink

There was no application submitted to the Planning Board.

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that was a mini-clean-up by a Girl Scout troop along the Wickecheoke, near the intersection of Lower Creek Road and Sanford Road. She noted that the first part of the clean-up was on December 5 and that the girls found a very large gate and returned on December 12 to get it off of the creek shoreline.

Recycling – K. Klink

Nothing new to report

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that there are no applications before the Planning Board.

Open Space Committee – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that the Lee Lau project has been tabled, until the return of the applicants, from overseas. Member Lockwood noted that the Herman farm on Route 523 is under consideration. She noted that the Cizak property has a gap in funding issues. She noted that the Maresca-Martin project is moving forward. She further noted that the Curtis Farm is under consideration by NJCF, New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

It was noted that Kathy Katz agreed to become the Environmental Commission representative to the Open Space Committee.

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that there is nothing new to report. She did note that the stormwater management project on Zentek Road, as a part of the paving project, has been completed.

Easement Monitoring – R. Mongelli/J. Kafarski

Members Katz, Kafarski, and Royal agreed to meet to set up a plan for researching the properties in need of monitoring for this project. It was noted that this information will be useful in seeking funding for plantings within easement areas.

Schools – K. Klink

The Environmental Congress student group has been meeting to work on tree selection for the 2nd grade Arbor Day program.

Grants – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that the Township Committee has agreed to the development of a Green Team in an effort to apply for grants from Sustainable Jersey.

Website – J. Kafarski

The contract for the website development has been finalized.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars
- b. EC Fund money to be moved/used for EC website development, \$975.00

Member Klink made a motion to allow the transfer of funds from the EC Fund to the EC Budget so that the EC website can be developed. Member Katz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Lockwood, Mongelli, Dahringer, Royal

Nay: None

Absent: Locandro

Abstain: Szwed

- c. 2020 Budget, to include \$400.00 for maintenance of the website

The Commission discussed a tentative budget for 2020. It was decided that the Budget will be finalized at either the January or February meeting.

Secretary Klink noted that there is money in the budget to purchase a new minutes book. Member Katz made a motion to approve payment for a minutes book in the amount of \$160.00.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Lockwood, Mongelli, Dahringer, Royal, Szwed

Nay: None

Absent: Locandro

d. Tree Purchase, London plan, \$175.00

After a review of the 2019 Budget, to date, it was noted that there is some money remaining. Chair Szwed noted that the Shade Tree Commission used some of its leftover money to purchase two trees for Dilts Park, by the playground. Chair Szwed noted that if we added a tree, money could be saved on delivery.

Member Klink made a motion to purchase a tree with remaining budget money for the Dilts Park playground. Member Katz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Lockwood, Mongelli, Dahringer, Royal, Szwed

Nay: None

Absent: Locandro

NEW BUSINESS

a. Membership renewal

It was noted that Members Kafarski, Royal and Szwed agreed to renew their 3-year terms as members. Member Mongelli stated that he would stay on as an advisor and to help with Household Clean-up Days.

It was noted that there will be a discussion about replacing Member Mongelli (if that is possible!) at the January 2020 meeting.

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:

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

ADJOURNMENT: 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 – 108 participants; 13.5 miles along river; 48 bags trash; 11 bags recycling; 4 bags scrap; 5 bags bulky material

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

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