

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; supported by the ZOOM platform for virtual meetings. Vice Chair Katz opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### STATEMENT

Vice Chair Katz 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 21, 2021, updated on February 18, 2021 and on August 12, 2021 for this meeting.

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro,  
Susan Lockwood (6:40 p.m.), Mary Anne Royal, ~~Tony Szwed~~  
Alternates: ~~Donna Dahringer, Alternate I, Deb Polay, Alternate II~~  
Advisors: ~~Rich Mongelli, Zack Burger, Karen Peters, Josh Goldman~~  
Absent: shown by strikethroughs

#### Minutes: July 21, 2021

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:

##### Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink, K. Katz

No applications to date

##### Clean Communities – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that due to the level of the river and the possible contaminants in the river, a decision was made to postpone the clean up to October 16. All other details remain the same.

Member Klink reported that March on Litter will proceed as scheduled, October 9, with staggered departure times. The first group will depart at 8:30 a.m. and groups will leave every 15 minutes thereafter, until all groups are out. Anyone who wants to chaperone can sign up.

##### Recycling – K. Klink

Next household cleanup day has been postponed from October 16 to November 13, to accommodate continued residential clean up from TS Ida. Member Kafarski volunteered to help with this date. It was noted that the time is from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

##### Open Space Committee – K. Katz

No meeting

##### Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Master Plan Subcommittee has been working on the Reexamination of the Master Plan. She noted that the Subcommittee reported that they are about two-thirds of the way done. She further stated that the Subcommittee is hoping to be ready for comments at the October meeting.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

No meeting

Schools – K. Klink

March on Litter is being supported by Delaware Township School, with one teacher per grade level, grades 4 through 8 helping out with the registration.

Grants – M. Royal, D. Polay

Member Royal reported that a recent NEEF grant was available but that the decision was made to not apply due to the requirements of the grant.

Member Royal also noted that the grant subcommittee is going to research paving the path around Dilts that has the highest use. Vice Chair Katz stated that the Rec Commission should be consulted as they are considering future development of Dilts Park. She further noted that this information should be included in the Reexamination of the Master Plan.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski reported that the new website looks great. Secretary Klink reported that it is very easy to put information on the website. She noted that items can be posted in more than one place; for example, on the Township Calendar and on the EC portion of the website. She also noted that the EC has a calendar “ribbon” on the right side of the EC page.

There was discussion about email postings from the site. It was noted that this should be discussed with the website managers.

Another item that was discussed was the inclusion of a Photo Gallery. Another link that was suggested was the NJ DEP Data Miner. Upon review, it was noted that there is a link on the EC page a link to the NJ DEP Private Well Testing Act.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that she did not report on this at the Township committee meeting. She noted that there could be good news in the near future; and that all recent information is attorney-confidential.

Stormwater Management – S. LockwoodProjects – Chair Szwed

- Community Gardens by J. Kafarski and Z. Burger

Member Kafarski stated that he reviewed the Sustainable Jersey ideas about how to start a community garden. It was noted that if the EC wishes to be established with Sustainable Jersey, a minimum of points for various projects has to be obtained. It was noted that 10 to 15 points can be accrued through the establishment of a community garden.

It was noted that in organizing a community garden, the first step is to survey the community for input. Possible sites were discussed, as follows: Dilts Park, DT School (availability of student labor), field adjacent to the Police Station. It was noted that one aspect to consider is the infrastructure to support the garden, i.e. water, electricity, etc.

Further discussion will include who establishes the garden, the development of the site, and the preparation of the garden. It was noted that further details from Sustainable Jersey may be needed in order to proceed.

The Environmental Commission decided to review survey questions at the October meeting.

- TS Ida Debris

Member Royal noted that there is a lot of debris in all of the streams. She discussed the possibility of developing a mechanism to retrieve this debris. It was noted that Clean Communities money can be used, especially for the disposal. The EC tabled this for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars
- b. White Oak Trail was cleared of hazard trees

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Projects, not noted above - none
- b. New Business - Well Testing Presentation by Raritan Headwaters to follow this 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: October 20, 2021

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

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

Schedule of Events

2021 Towpath Trek, March 20, K. Klink, Deb and Rick Polay

28 adults, 8 children; 26 bags trash, 12 bags recycling; bike frame, chair frame,  
Inflatable boat, hubcaps, tire, railroad car handle

2020 – March 21 – cancelled, covid-19

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

2021 Waterway Clean Up, April 17, K. Klink, Deb and Rick Polay

K. Klink serves as site coordinator for this RHA site, #33

20 participants, about 3 miles; 4 bags trash, 6 bags recyclables, some metal

2020 – cancelled due to covid-19

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

2021 – Tree Recovery Campaign – distribute 1000 free trees, bundles of 5, April 28

K. Klink, K. Katz, M. Royal, D. Polay,

2020 – 1000 free trees, gone in an hour! K. Klink, Linda Bradway, Maria, Tony Szwed

2019 – 750 trees, K. Klink, Alan Scott, MaryAnne Royal, Tony Szwed

2021 Household Clean Up Days, K. Klink

April 24, 2021, 52 permits sold, 3 DPW employees, J. Kafarski

June 19, 2021, 43 permits sold, 2 DPW employees

~~October 16, 2021~~, November 13, 2021, J. Kafarski

2020 Household Clean Up Days (NO EC volunteers) K. Klink collected permits.

No April Clean-Up – covid-19

June 20 – 72 permits, 3 DPW employees, residents remain in vehicles

October 17 – 33 permits sold – 3 DPW employees, residents remain in vehicles

2019 – April 27 – 53 permits; J.Kafarski, R. Mongelli

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

October 19 – 43 permits, R. Locandro

2021 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. (participants counted as vehicles)

May 22, 2021, K. Klink, 61 participants

September 25, 2021, K. Klink,

2020 – June 27, K. Klink, K. Katz – 102 participants

2019 - May 18, K.Klink – 43 participants; May, 2018 – 48 participants; May, 2017 – 68

2019 - September 14, K.Klink – 62 participants, September 2018 – 46; September 2017 - 47

2021 River Clean Up, September 18, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; meet at Bull's Island or Kingwood

Boat Launch - K. Klink

2020 - 125 participants; 31 miles along river, 93 bags trash; 24 bags recycling; 30 tires, misc.

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

2021 March on Litter – October 9, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; K.Klink

2020 - 36 participants, 23.3 miles; 19 bags trash; 17.25 bags recycling; car bumper/muffler

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

2021 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, #2020-01.

None scheduled to date.