

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. Chair Szwed opened the meeting at 7:30 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 21, 2020, updated on February 18, 2021.

Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro, Susan Lockwood, 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: November 17, 2021

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member Locandro made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Katz 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

Clean Communities – K. Klink
Nothing to report, 2020 list to be compiled

Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that DPW is requesting purchase of a new cardboard dumpster. She noted that she will ask about the money in the Recycling Trust Fund. Signs were also discussed to be displayed outside of the dumpster. Member Klink noted that Delaware Township School has a laminating machine and will try that out first.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz
No meeting on Monday

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the main business was the recognition of Dave Bond who retired after 34 years. Member Katz reported that Member Bond is not retiring from any of the agricultural committees.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

Member Royal stated that the Committee worked on a letter concerning the issue of maintenance on Township easements. The letter was read into the record. It was noted that the Environmental Commission can only do inspections of Township easements.

It was noted that the Easement Monitoring Committee is asking for language concerning maintenance so that this information can be included in the letter requesting an easement inspection.

It was noted that the Township Engineer reached out to the EC for identification of several easements in the Sand Brook area. It was noted that the Engineer met with one owner, Mr. Grimm.

There was discussion about model language #5 in the conservation easement for which the property owner has an obligation to keep the easement clear. It was noted that in the conservation/drainage easement, no such language exists, even though item #11 is similar to the aforementioned #5. The conclusion was reached that the EC needs guidance from the Township Committee to clarify the type of maintenance for which type of blockages, and which entity has the obligation to clear the blockage.

It was noted that the easement letter will be distributed and that members are asked to return comments within ten days.

Schools – K. Klink

Nothing, until Student Group is reestablished.

Member Klink reported that the DTS Green Team is holding an Earth Day Celebration on April 14, 2022.

Grants – M. Royal, D. Polay

There was a discussion about Sustainable Jersey, concerning the application and the registration. Member Klink reported that she has done some work, but more research is needed. It was noted that the DT Green Team has been established by ordinance, not resolution, therefore it does not have to be renewed.

Member Royal stated that when she sees grants worthy of research, she will forward to members.

Member Klink reported that Delaware Township EC has been asked to take the lead in facilitating a grant for Bull's Island for habitat restoration. Member Kafarski made a motion to establish DT EC as the lead for a grant in partnership with Kingwood Township and D&R Canal State Park. Member Katz seconded the motion that was adopted by voice vote.

Website – J. Kafarski

Member Kafarski stated that he and Member Klink met with the website managers via Zoom. There were still a few questions. Website managers stated that there cannot be a photo gallery, but some picture "carve-out" could be made. It was recommended that there be an outside source for photos, such as dropbox, with a button link. The question about email contact has to be discussed with the Township, the website cannot provide an email link.

Member Kafarski stated that the website managers were very responsive. He noted that they also recommended that we review the Secaucus EC website for further ideas.

Members decided that the "Ban the Bag" promotion be our Quarter 1 topic, as the NJ State ban goes into effect in May, 2022.

Penn East Pipeline – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that concerned citizens went to FERC about the existing approval that is on file with FERC for this project. She noted that FERC went to Penn East to talk about filing and license, which was followed by a letter from Penn East – addressed to FERC – that Penn East is NOT pursuing the project.

This item will be removed from the agenda!

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood noted that this Committee is being re-established with the following members: Gayle Conover, Gary Hinesley, Vince Mazzei, Valerie Tucci, Leslie Sauer, and Sue Lockwood. Member Lockwood stated that she may be the Chair, and that she will be the liaison for both the TC and EC. She noted that no meeting time or day has been settled upon.

There was a discussion about who is responsible as the advisory person to DPW, for this committee. It was noted that this issue should be researched.

Projects – Chair Szwed

Community Garden

Member Klink reported that there have been eight responses to date.

Member Kafarski reported that he went to TC and discussed the outreach for this project. He noted that there was a picture of the survey on Facebook in one of Community Forums. It was noted that one member of the community felt that not enough was being done to get the word out.

Member Kafarski stated that the survey was published in the newsletter and was shown on facebook. He noted that the School published an outreach memo that was seen in the Wildcat Weekly. He noted that the survey was posted under News and Announcements with a link; and also, on the EC page. Secretary Klink reported that she put up some paper copies at the Post Office and the Bagel Barn.

Member Katz reported that one additional step she made for well testing was a public service announcement on WDVR. She noted that the sandwich board did help for well testing.

Members agreed that that sufficient outreach had been made.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sign up for participation dates – please check your calendars
- b. New Schedule for 2022 - forthcoming

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Projects, not noted above
- b. 2022 meeting dates – no conflicts with any of the third Wednesdays
- c. Membership – Alternate #2 – Zak Burger
- d. 5/7.02, Daniel and Debi Mundy – Notice of Violation from Hunterdon County Department of Health. It was noted that the residents are being cooperative and that the corrective action must be completed by 01/07/2022.
- e. Budget – to be discussed at the January 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.

(Enjoy the cookies!)

NEXT MEETING:

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 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 to collect permits

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

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

October 16, 2021, 31 permits sold, 2 DPW employees

2020 Household Clean Up Days (NO EC volunteers)

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.

January 12 – Habig, for PB, Block 58, Lot 4.01	February 16	March 15
April 19	May 17	June 14
July 12	August 16	September 13
October 18	November 15	December 13