

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 20, 2022.

## Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Kathy Klink, Roger Locandro, Susan Lockwood (8ish pm), ~~Mary Anne Royal~~, Tony Szwed  
Alternates: Deb Polay, Alternate I, Zack Burger, Alternate II  
Advisors: ~~Rich Mongelli~~, ~~Karen Peters~~, Josh Goldman, Devin Cornia  
Absent: shown by strikethroughs

## Minutes: June 22, 2022

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 approved as presented. Said motion was approved by voice vote, with abstentions by Members Lockwood and Royal.

## Presentation – pollinator garden at Dilts

Girl Scout Troop 80270 was represented by Leaders Stacey Grady and Ginny Lucas. Ms. Grady noted that their troop has six juniors who will be bridging to cadettes. It was noted that this troop wants to earn its bronze award by developing and installing a pollinator garden for solitary bees. Their presentation was given to the Township Committee, who asked that they come to the EC and discuss the best location.

The leaders noted that three location choices had been discussed with the TC. It was noted that Public Works likes the location along the split rail fence, near the gate for the entrance, also near the Pavilion. It was noted that location #3 is at the other entrance to Dilts, by the pond. It was noted that as this location is in the open, fencing would be needed all around. It was further noted that this location does not have as much visibility as the other two.

The leaders noted that the bulk of the project, including paperwork, must be done by September 30. The leaders stated that the Troop is excited about the project, including selection of native plants and building bee houses.

The three locations were discussed using a layout of Dilts Park. Ms. Grady noted that all locations will require fencing to delineate the area. She noted that fencing is one of the factors to help with finalizing the location and is a part of the budgeting for the project. She noted that the fencing will be split rail, to help keep out deer and other animals. She stated that the girls have thought of pavers as a small path through the garden. Ms. Grady noted that if Site #1 is chosen, it is along the mower shed requiring only three sides of fencing.

Member Locandro recommended 6-foot deer fencing on 8-foot metal poles. He noted that he could donate a roll of 50-foot fencing.

Member Katz asked about the width. The leaders noted that the garden would be 10 feet wide. The leaders also noted that there is an educational component to be added to the garden.

Chair Szwed asked about sunlight. Ms. Grady stated that in reviewing the sites with Member Klink, it was noted that this site, #2 near the mower shed has good southern exposure. Ms. Grady also noted that this site is close to one of the parking areas adding accessibility.

Member Katz discussed the benefits of this site, near the mower shed. It was noted that the economics of the fence are a factor, as is the visibility of the location to residents. The EC members agreed.

Diana Garibaldi of 142 Sandy Ridge Road was present. She asked about plants for all seasons and questioned the availability at this time of spring plants. The leaders agreed that the plants will be researched and selected for season-wide blooming, early spring to late fall.

Ms. Lucas also noted that the Troop is developing a maintenance plan. Ms. Grady stated that the troop members have been doing research at the County Library. Member Klink recommended Bowman's Hill Wildlife Preserve and noted that a former EC member works there, Donna Dahringer.

Ms. Lucas stated that seed could be planted for spring blooms. She noted that another goal of the project is for the project to be sustainable.

Ms. Garibaldi asked about the herbicide spraying that takes places at the park. She expressed her concern about the effect on the pollinators.

Member Kafarski stated that other methods for herbicide usage could be used that might be safer, one being mist spray. It was noted that the location of site #1, near the mower shed, might be somewhat protected against general field spraying.

Member Katz stated that the University of Ohio has a website about pollinators that is very informative and educational. She noted that the garden needs to have nectar sources and pollen sources.

Member Katz made a motion to approve site #1 as the choice location for the proposed pollinator garden. Member Kafarski seconded the motion. The letter of recommendation to the Township Committee follows the minutes.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Aye: Kafarski, Katz, Klink, Locandro, Szwed, Polay

Nay: None

Absent: Lockwood, Royal, Burger

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Site Inspection Committee – K. Klink, K Katz

No applications

Clean Communities – K. Klink

Nothing to report

Recycling – K. Klink

Member Klink reported that a new company is coming to explore electronics pick up for DT. It was noted that they will come to the garage instead of the DPW delivering the electronics.

Open Space Committee – K. Katz

Member Katz stated that she missed the meeting. Member Goldman stated that he did attend and that there is no new business to report. He stated that they will meet in August to finalize the farmland plan.

Planning Board – K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the Board had an application for the July 5 meeting. She noted that the application was for a minor subdivision for AB Greenhouse on Biser Road; once Ace Greenhouse. Attorney Goodell stated that because it will result in a fourth lot, the application should be considered a major subdivision. She noted that the applicant has withdrawn the minor subdivision.

Member Katz reported that the PB continues its work on the Reexamination of the Master Plan with specific input from the Planner and the Master Plan Subcommittee. The PB hopes to have the final plan done in September with public input at the October meeting.

Easement Monitoring – M. Royal

Not present, but the committee hopes to have final comments by the next meeting.

Schools – K. Klink

Nothing new

Grants – M. Royal, D. Polay

Member Polay reported that there is no new grant work underway. Member Klink reported that the paperwork for reimbursement from LDWS grant has been submitted.

Website – J. Kafarski

No update

Stormwater Management – S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood stated that she did not attend the meeting.

Projects – Chair SzwedOLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Projects, not noted above

Member Klink reported that there are three DPW workers scheduled for Household Clean Up Day on October 15. She reported that there is a DPW worker scheduled to be present for Shredder Day on September 24.

Member Katz reported that for Well Testing, Raritan Headwaters Association will provide someone to cover kit sales on a Saturday. Member Katz stated that she will do sales on Wednesday, September 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. She noted that the Saturday sales will be September 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. She noted that the return date for the samples is Monday, September 26.

Member Katz stated that RHA would like to do the pick up at the Municipal Building parking lot. Member Klink stated that she feels the pick up at DPW garage runs very smoothly, with no one getting out of their cars. Member Klink was asked to verify that date with DPW.

Member Katz reported that there may be some price changes for some of the tests and that some new tests may be added.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

No comments

MEETING OPENED TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

There were no further comments from members of the Commission.

No comments

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 21, 2022

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8: 28 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink, Secretary

Schedule of Events

2022 Towpath Trek, March 19, K. Klink

2021 Towpath Trek - 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

2022 Waterway Clean Up, April 23, K. Klink

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

2021 Waterway Clean Up - 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

2022 Tree Recovery Campaign - TBD

2021 – 1000 free trees, 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

2022 Household Clean Up Days

April 30, 2022

June 18, 2022

October 15, 2022

## 2021 Household Clean Up Days

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

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

October 16, 2021, 32 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

## 2022 Shredder Days, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. (participants counted as vehicles)

May 14, 2022, K. Klink

September 24, 2022, K. Klink

2021 Shredder Days – May 22, 2021, 61 participants, September 25, 2021

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

## 2022 Delaware River Clean Up, September 17, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., K. Klink

Meet at Bull's Island or Kingwood Boat Launch - K. Klink

2021 – 1xx participants

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

## 2022 March on Litter – October 8, ch on Litter – October 9, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; K.Klink

2021 – 128 participants, 19.2 miles; 18 bags trash; 7 bags recycling; two pipes, one tire, etc.

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

## 2022 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 9	February 13	March 13
April 24	May 15	June 12
July - none	August 14	September 18
October 16	November 13	December 18



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July 21, 2022

To: Township Committee  
Jay Trstensky, DPW

Re: Pollinator Garden proposed for Dilts Park  
Girl Scout Troop 80270, Bronze Award Project

Dear TC:

At its meeting of July 20, 2022, the Environmental Commission (EC) discussed the project as recommended by the Township Committee at its meeting of July 11, 2022.

This Troop selected three sites for a pollinator garden designed for solitary bees and other native pollinators. The EC agreed with site #1, which is the location near the mower shed, at the edge of the parking lot nearest the Snack Shack. The Troop explained their selection of that site, based on three factors: accessibility by residents for educational purposes; future project of adding a mural on the wall of the mower shed for educational purposes; and expense of fencing to enclose the garden.

The EC discussed the issues and agreed with this location, adding two other factors: accessibility of water and sunlight. This site is southern facing, while site #2 is more shaded. Both sites have accessibility to water, but the EC agreed that this site seems more suitable to the project. This recommendation was moved, seconded and carried by the Environmental Commission on July 20, 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tony Szwed, Chair  
C: G. Lucas, S. Grady