



## Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Environmental Commission (known in the minutes as EC) was held on the noted date in the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd. (County Road 604), Sergeantsville, New Jersey; Chair Kafarski opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### STATEMENT

Chair Kafarski 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 December 28, 2023.

### Roll Call

Present: Regular Members: ~~Diana Garibaldi~~, John Kafarski, Kathy Katz, Roger Locandro, Susan Lockwood (7:34), ~~Karen Peters~~, Mary Anne Royal

Alternates: Kathy Klink, Alternate I; Donna DiMatteo, Alternate II

Advisors: ~~Devin Cornia~~, Jane Engel, ~~Josh Goldman~~, Rich Mongetti, Robert Weber

Absent: Shown by ~~strikethrough~~

Member of the public: Luke Hanson

**Minutes:** Minutes June 19, 2024

The minutes of the noted meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Member

Katz made a motion to approve the minutes for discussion. Member Klink seconded the motion. The minutes were discussed and were approved by voice vote.

**Correspondence:** Chair Kafarski noted that a certified letter was received from ACT Engineers regarding flood hazard area control for an agricultural roadway at block 58 lot 4.01, and another from T&M Associates regarding a hardship exception request for a culvert rehabilitation project at Prallsville Mills in Stockton.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Planning Board/Site Inspection - K. Katz

Member Katz reported that an application was heard for 51 LR LLC, and the application was approved. The applicant is looking to obtain a historic preservation for the farm buildings and the remaining land would be put into farmland preservation. Stipulations were put in place for future development where conservation easements can be imposed.

A conservation easement memo was previously distributed to the EC. The planning board has asked the EC to come up with recommendations that Member Katz can take back to the Planning Board. It was suggested to review this as a subcommittee. Members Katz, Klink, Engel (advisor) and Royal will serve on the subcommittee.

Member Katz also reported that the Township Committee has sent two ordinances to the Planning Board for review to see if it is consistent with the new master plan.

#### Clean Communities & Recycling

Member Klink reported that the Director of Public Works obtained an extension for the Clean Communities report, which he and Member Klink will work on.

#### Open Space - S. Lockwood, K. Katz

Member Lockwood reported that there is a possible applicant for the position of Open Space secretary. The committee is still looking for a coordinator.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Public Access Open Spaces in Delaware Township sign. The next issue of the Township newsletter is being worked on and the deadline for submissions is July 26.

#### Easement Monitoring - K. Katz

Nothing new to report.

#### Schools – John Kafarski

Chair Kafarski noted that the Green Team is on a break for the summer. The Learning Garden in the back of the school was tidied up.

Grants - K. Katz

Member Katz reported that the sign unveiling and ribbon cutting occurred before the Township Committee meeting. Sustainable Jersey provided good feedback. The final report is the last step in the project. If PSE&G has funding, the EC is encouraged to apply again for the grant via the Green Team.

Website - J. Kafarski

Nothing new to report. New member biographies are needed for the EC website. Member DiMatteo recommended putting up information on the environmental impacts of yearly fireworks displays, which Chair Kafarski will set up a space for on the website.

Stormwater Management - S. Lockwood

Member Lockwood reported that no meeting was held last month. A joint meeting with the Township engineer to discuss requirements is still needed. Chair Kafarski will consult with Mayor Waltman about getting a future joint meeting.

Projects

Nothing new to report.

**Old Business**

Lower Wild and Scenic Delaware River - Resolution Update

Chair Kafarski reported that Bob Hornby (Lower Delaware) mentioned that they are reevaluating township designations. Chair Kafarski is going to consult with Bob and figure out the best way to move forward.

Dilts Park Pesticide Spray Application Regulations

Chair Kafarski reported that the EC is going to submit a checklist to the Director of Public Works for what is needed before pesticides and herbicides are applied at Dilts Park; the goal is to have this done by September.

White Oak Trail Maintenance Plan and MOA

Chair Kafarski noted that the members who attended the cleanup did a great job. The sign is still not up and Chair Kafarski will follow up with the Director of Public Works about that.

Member Klink reported on the memorial for Tony Szwed. The current idea for the memorial is to amend the brochure to add trees for an educational component to the trail. Further discussion is needed on amending the brochure and renumbering the trees.

The secretary reported that she reached out to the contact at the state regarding the status of the MOA. The document is in progress, but the NJDEP had a

reorganization and the next step is that the document will be in review for legal language and consistency/duplication.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station- Sub Committee Update

Nothing new to report.

Stormwater Permit Tier A Points System

Nothing new to report.

March on Litter Coordination Position

Member Klink will take on the position again, but Chair Kafarski suggests someone to assist her so eventually a transition to a new coordinator can occur. The next March on Litter will tentatively be held on Saturday, October 5.

SWAC – Municipal Tonnage Grant Application

Nothing new to report.

Township Ordinance 2024-2025 – Stormwater Quality

Nothing new to report.

**New Business**

Community Day - Community Day will be held on September 7, 2024. Participation from the EC was requested. Chief Kafarski will reach out to the Recreation Commission to find out about getting a table for the EC set up that day.

Well Testing – Member Katz reported that well testing kits will be available for purchase on September 18 and September 21. Returns will be done on Monday, September 23 at DPW from 7:00-9:30 a.m.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Luke Hanson, township resident, was in attendance and asked about soil testing at Dilts Park the day after the fireworks. The committee recommended using a monitor for particulate, which a local resident who has previously loaned one out may allow the EC to borrow.

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Member Klink reported that there will be walks to add identified trees to the brochure for the White Oak Trail on July 25 and August 6. The Delaware River cleanup, from Milford to Trenton will be held on September 21. A firm date for March on Litter will be determined after consulting with the Recreation Commission.

Chair Kafarski commended the group on the sign on the Green for Public Access Open Spaces in Delaware Township.

NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2024

The Environmental Commission will next meet for a meeting on the above-mentioned date at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Aron, Secretary