

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
Manchester Township Municipal Building
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Middaugh called the Regular Meeting of the Manchester Township Environmental Commission to order with the following statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act. Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger."

Time: 5:15 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Peggy Middaugh	Present
William Cook	Present
Rory Wells	Present
David Kiernan	Present
William Foor	Present
Mary Demarest-Paraan	Present
Genevieve Stavallo	Absent

PRESENTATION / PUBLIC FORUM:

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Presentation and Public Forum

The Township of Manchester contracted with Heyer, Gruel & Associates (HGA) to prepare an updated NRI, an important township resource that provides guidance on the protection, preservation and conservation of the natural resources and environmental features of the community. HGA Consultant Elena Gable gave a presentation on the NRI followed by a public Question & Answer Session. The NRI is available on our website www.manchestertwp.com/committees/environmental-commission.

Mr. Foor suggested that the Secretary send interoffice memo to the Planning Board that the Commission has reviewed the document and is satisfied with its content.

NEW BUSINESS:

420 Lacey Rd., Block 109, Lot 1.02

The Commission received notice that a Certificate of Filing was issued from the Pinelands Commission on this application. The application will be reviewed at an upcoming Planning Board meeting.

Major Site Plan – 2132 Route 37, Block 38, Lot 4

Ms. Middaugh: This application is for an acute care facility near Pine Lake Park. We received concerns from a couple of residents on the abutting lots and sent an interoffice memo to the Planning Board asking that the mature trees along the residential property line be preserved.

Mr. Foor: This application is on the upcoming Special Planning Board meeting agenda. If anyone has additional comments, I'd be happy to relay them.

Ms. Karen Argenti, resident, asked if a septic system would be utilized on site. Mr. Foor responded that the township will be supplying the sewer and water.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MEMBER REPORT:

Mr. Wells: Despite COVID, I feel the Environmental Commission still accomplished a good deal and I'm pleased with the progress we have made and the information sessions we have had this past year.

Ms. Middaugh announced that this is the last meeting for Mr. Kiernan and Ms. Demarest-Paraaan and thanked them both for their dedicated service.

Ms. Demarest-Paraaan: I am happy with all the Commission has accomplished and would still love to participate as much as possible until I move.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Ms. Middaugh, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor, motion carried.

Time: 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary