

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Manchester Township Municipal Building
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Frazee 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: 5:00 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Peggy Middaugh	Present
Gabrielle Fox	Present
William Foor	Present
Kristy Henry	Present
Genevieve Stavalo	Present, tardy

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Secretary Frazee called for nomination of Chairperson of the Environmental Commission for the remainder of year 2021 after the resignation of Chairperson Rory Wells.

Mr. Foor nominated Ms. Middaugh for Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Henry.

No other nominations were made.

Roll call vote: Mr. Foor, Ms. Fox, Ms. Henry, Ms. Middaugh; yes. Motion carried.

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Secretary Frazee called for nomination of Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Commission for the remainder of year 2021 after the resignation of Vice Chairperson William Cook.

Ms. Middaugh nominated Ms. Fox for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Henry.

No other nominations were made.

Roll call vote: Mr. Foor, Ms. Fox, Ms. Henry, Ms. Middaugh; yes. Motion carried.

Secretary Frazee congratulated Ms. Middaugh and Ms. Fox and turned the meeting over to Chairperson Middaugh.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mr. Foor made a motion to approve the July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Fox.

Roll call vote: Mr. Foor, Ms. Fox, Ms. Stavalo; yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ocean County Recycling Program Update

Ms. Middaugh: The county now accepts No. 5 recyclables, aluminum and steel food containers, aluminum foil and food/tissue boxes. The new flyer is attached to tonight's agenda. I think it we should have another public forum in light of this new information.

All commissioners are in favor of holding a Recycling Public Forum at an upcoming regular meeting.

Ms. Fox: It would be convenient if we could give out dump stickers at the event.

Secretary Frazee to check with the Department of Public Works to see if this can be accomplished, and to reach out to Ocean County's Sandra Blaine Snow and the Manchester Recycling Coordinator, Danny Dries, about being presenters at this event.

Septic System Permit – Block 99.84, Lot 3

Ms. Middaugh: This is in the Roosevelt City section of town. The applicant didn't go through the required Pinelands permitting process. Pinelands sent them notices and they didn't receive a response so there will now be a public hearing on the matter. Pinelands is strict for good reason.

Mr. Foor: I think they will be able to resolve this. No comments are needed from us.

OLD BUSINESS:

Acute Care Facility – 2132 Rt. 37, Block 38 Lot 4

Mr. Foor: For this application, there was an easement stipulation on one of the properties. The owner didn't approve the easement and there was a lawsuit against the builder. The applicant decided to move corner of easement. Applicant requested an extension. I have the plans if anyone wants to take a look.

Karen Argenti, Whiting Resident: I can't tell if the stormwater plan is good enough. Since the application is dated after March 3, 2021, the applicant should have to abide by the new stormwater management rules. The stormwater plan needs to be approved by the township.

Mr. Foor: I believe the stormwater plan is posted on the Planning Board website, along with the Operations & Maintenance manual.

Ms. Stavallo: I think they added extra trees and plants around the basin.

Mr. Foor: This is being treated as a new application. Karen, if you send me your concerns, I can mention them at the Planning Board meeting.

Karen Argenti: That piece of land is very level and an ideal location for green infrastructure.

Mr. Foor: If I recall, the applicant was very accommodating.

Karen Argenti: Regarding the people who took the trees down at Brentwood Estates – does the Ocean County Soils Conservation District know about this? Developments need approval by them at project completion.

Mr. Foor: I will ask Bob Mullin about this.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Ms. Middaugh: I came across an article in the Star Ledger about stormwater utilities. People pay a fee and the money goes into the stormwater management plan.

Karen Argenti: This is very common where there are tiny lots – places like Philadelphia. There is a federal order to capture street water. The more property you have, the less you pay. This would make sure stormwater is taken care of. Manchester is different from other towns since there isn't as much flooding here.

Ms. Middaugh: It may not be necessary for a town like ours right now, as long as it doesn't become overdeveloped with pavement.

Karen Argenti: In Whiting they put cones up. That should be taken care of with green infrastructure.

Ms. Middaugh: When I last met with the Green Team, I met with a new resident, Roger Klemish, who has an impressive background and an interest in the environment and Electric Vehicles. He is helping out on Michael Hudak's Rain Garden Eagle Scout Project. I don't think it's going to be at the library anymore – I believe they are fixing up the rain garden at town hall now instead.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time: 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary