

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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: 6:00 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Peggy Middaugh	Present
Gabrielle Fox	Present
William Foor	Present
Kristy Henry	Absent
Genevieve Stavallo	Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mr. Foor made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Fox.

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

PRESENTATION:

Recycling Public Forum

There are two Ocean County recycling centers: the Northern Recycling Center in Lakewood and the Southern Recycling Center in Stafford Township. You can drop off paint cans, used oil, light bulbs, shredded paper, rechargeable batteries, etc. Woodchips and mulch can be picked up free of charge.

As of July 2021, the Ocean County Recycling Program has updated its single stream recycling guidelines to include #1, #2 and #5 plastics; chipboards (i.e. tissue and cereal boxes); clean aluminum foil and trays; plastic bottles with caps ON; and yogurt containers, when collected into a larger plastic container with the same composition; small aluminum lids such as baby food jars when collected and put into an aluminum can. Cardboard, paper, junk mail, magazines, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans are still accepted. All items collected must be clean, including cardboard (no pizza boxes).

Items that remain unrecyclable include wax coated paper products such as milk cartons since Ocean County doesn't currently have the technology to handle these products; Black plastics since they are not detectable in the machines; plastic bags and bubble wrap (many supermarkets have drop off bins for these items); Flower pots (Lowes accepts); batteries should be thrown in the garbage.

Please remember to keep a lid on your recycling cans; if paper products get wet, they will be disposed of in the garbage.

Ocean County has a few Special Initiative Recycling programs that are free to residents. Hazardous Household Waste Disposal and Document Shredding events are held annually throughout the county. The Paint Management program allows residents to dispose of full, partially full and empty cans of paint at the Southern and Northern Recycling Centers during business hours.

For more information, please visit the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management website www.co.ocean.nj.us/recycle or Facebook @OCSWM. Please direct any recycling questions to ocrecycles@oc.ocean.nj.us or call 732-506-5047.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 ANJEC Virtual Environmental Congress

The Congress will be held virtually this year October 19-22. Ms. Middaugh and Ms. Fox will participate.

NJ Stormwater Manual – Best Management Practices

This best management practices is filled with useful information and is posted on our website.

Pinelands Notice: Septic System Block 99.84, Lot 3

The property owner put in a septic system with the permission of Pinelands Commission. No action required by the Commission

Pinelands Notice: Major Site Plan Determination – Block 102, Lot 2

Application for a storage facility in Whiting. The applicant is taking the Commission's advice and adding elements of green infrastructure

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MEMBER REPORTS:

EV Project

Ms. Fox: Where are we with the Electric Vehicle project? I think we should do a review of the commission's 2021 goals and objectives at the next meeting.

Ms. Middaugh: The Green Team is working on this. I will reach out to Joe Veni.

National Drive Electric Week: September 25-Oct 3, 2021

Ms. Middaugh: It is National Drive Electric Week. There are a lot of seminars and places to go and look at EV's. There are a couple coming up in Deptford and Egg Harbor. For more information and a list of upcoming events, visit <https://driveelectricweek.org/>.

Spotted Lantern Fly

Ms. Middaugh: The Spotted Lantern Flies are killing our trees and unfortunately, it is necessary to kill them and their eggs, which look like putty. Sightings should be reported on the NJ Department of Agriculture website.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident: There is graffiti all over Pasadena Road and the trees by the Brooksbrae Factory. It seems like it has gotten worse since Covid.

Ms. Fox: The police are aware of the issue. The commissioners arranged a cleanup at Brooksbrae not long ago and collected about 20 bags of trash. Maybe we can put up signs to respect the area.

Secretary Frazee: Pasadena Road is county-owned and the county is aware. I spoke to somebody in the engineering department and they think this project is going to require some creative brainstorming. It is expensive to repave the road and they worry it will just get vandalized again soon after.

Ms. Middaugh: You can help by spreading awareness and getting people involved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Fox and seconded by Mr. Foor, the meeting was adjourned.

All in favor, motion carried.

Time: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary