

# MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 26, 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 Stavalo	Absent

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mr. Foor made a motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Fox.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Major Site Plan TWA – 2065 Highway 37 – Block 44, Lot 15.01

Mr. Foor: We received notification that an application has been submitted for the sewer extension which will support the development of 242 apartments, a retail complex and fueling station. This project came to the Planning Board a few months back.

Ms. Middaugh: Rhyan Grech from the Pinelands Preservation Alliance sent us an email that according to the NJDEP's Dataminer website, the application to modify their CAFRA permit has not been approved yet. The TWA permit application notes the CAFRA as approved. How can we find out if the CAFRA is in fact approved? Maybe we can contact the NJDEP to find out if the Dataminer website is accurate and up-to-date.

Ms. Fox: I can reach out to the NJDEP.

Mr. Foor: We can ask the Planning Board engineer, Bob Mullin, who would be responsible for verifying the accuracy of the application.

### **Review of Goals and Objectives**

**GOAL 1: Continue working with the Manchester Green Team to help promote Sustainable Jersey projects to achieve Silver Certification.** The Commission has hosted educational presentations and organized a cleanup. They are looking into other projects that can earn Manchester more Sustainable Jersey points such as organizing a guided nature walk. The Green Team is working on implementing an EV program and promoting Clean Energy.

**GOAL 2: Continue to provide timely recommendations to the Planning Board on Development Applications and Areas in Need of Redevelopment.** The Commission continues to provide timely comments and recommendations on development applications.

**GOAL 3: Improve communication and develop a relationship with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.** The Commission has reviewed and provided comment on a couple of Zoning Board of Adjustment applications for development.

**GOAL 4: Continue to hold regular educational presentations on topics of public interest at our meetings.** The Commission has held two educational presentations at their meetings so far this year.

**GOAL 5: Promote recreational use of open space in Manchester and develop a relationship with the Township's Open Space Committee.** The OSC does not meet on a regular basis, but there were significant pieces of property designated as open space earlier in the year.

**GOAL 6: Educate the community and assist in the implementation of the NJ State Plastics Ban.** The NJ State Plastics Ban was passed and will take full effect in May, 2022.

**GOAL 7: Review and make recommendations on the Township's Master Plan.** The Commission is looking into incorporating the NRI into the master plan.

**GOAL 8: Review and make recommendations on the Township's updated Stormwater Management guidelines and continue educating the community on the importance of Green Infrastructure and how it can be implemented.** The commission is looking into having an educational piece on the new stormwater management rules updated in March.

**GOAL 9: Work with Pinelands Preservation Alliance to organize a Committee to clean up Manchester.** The Commission and PPA organized a cleanup at the Brooksbrae Brick Factory.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **2021 ANJEC Environmental Congress**

Ms. Middaugh: The Congress was held virtually via webinars this year; there were multiple sessions everyday all week long. The webinars are posted on YouTube. ANJEC always does an excellent job and I encourage everyone to check out their website.

**MEMBER REPORTS:**

Mr. Foor: At the last meeting, Karen (Argenti) mentioned every development requires an approval from the Ocean County Soil Conservation District (OCSCD). I looked into this and bonds are not released until final approval from OCSCD on every application.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Raven Potosky, 4 Mount Misery Rd.: I work with PPA, they are great people to work with, and they said 2065 Highway 37 is probably a done deal.

Mr. Foor: The town engineer, Mr. Mullin, does a thorough job reviewing applications. If there is a CAFRA revision, it will have to come back to the Planning Board.

Raven Potosky: Since we are getting ready to vote, how do we find out the candidates' stance of environmental issues?

Ms. Fox: Mayor Hudak has commented publicly that he is for preserving open space.

Michael, Manchester resident: Has there been any progress, or an update on EV charging stations coming to Manchester?

Mr. Foor: The member that was heavily involved in this project resigned recently. Councilman Vaccaro is advocating strongly for this. There are a lot of details to work out, deciding on location(s). I encourage you to bring these questions to a township council meeting; they are the ones who have the final say.

Ms. Middaugh: The Green Team is looking into grants for an EV project. I also encourage you to bring this to the Council!

**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: 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee  
Commission Secretary