

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Fox 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:

Gabrielle Fox	Present
Peggy Middaugh	Present
William Foor	Present
Karen Argenti	Present
Dina Newbert	Present
Genevieve Stavallo	Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Middaugh noted minor typos on Pages 2 & 4 and made a motion to approve the March 22, 2022 Regular Meetings Minutes as noted, seconded by Mr. Foor.

Roll call vote: Mr. Foor, Ms. Middaugh, Ms. Fox, Ms. Newbert; yes. Ms. Argenti abstained due to being absent. Motion carried.

April 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Ms. Middaugh made a motion to approve the April 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Argenti.

Roll call vote: Ms. Middaugh, Ms. Fox, Ms. Newbert, Ms. Argenti; yes. Mr. Foor abstained due to being absent. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

JCP&L Energy Efficiency Programs

Kimberly Hoff and Kyle Haddock, representatives of CLEAResult, gave a presentation on energy saving programs offered by JCP&L. CLEAResult is the administrator of JCP&L's energy efficiency programs.

Home Performance with Energy Star – a comprehensive audit performed by a participating BPI certified auditor at a single family or multifamily residence. The certified auditor will recommend improvements and provide you with a detailed report on the potential energy savings. Customers may qualify for rebates for recommended home improvements.

Home Weatherization for Income Qualified – no-cost in-home assessment and may include energy efficiency improvements such as adding insulation, air sealing and the installation of energy saving products all at no cost to the customer.

Comfort Partners – no-cost energy-saving and energy education program that helps income-eligible customers living in the state of New Jersey save energy and money while increasing their home’s safety and comfort.

The easiest way to get started is to schedule a no-cost Quick Home Energy Check-up by emailing QHEC@clearesult.com, or calling 800-915-8309.

For more information, please visit www.EnergySaveNJ.com.

Mr. Foor suggested that the presentation be passed on to the mayor’s office.

Ms. Argenti will share this information with the Manchester Coordinating Council and St. Stephen’s Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #22-12 Floodplain Management Regulations

Mr. Foor stated this ordinance is coming before the Planning Board at their next meeting and he would be happy to relay any comments. No comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weston Solutions Block 66, Lot 1 and Route 70 – Pinelands Resolution

This notification is in regard to a proposed water main installation in Lakehurst and parts of Manchester Township. No comments.

Paramount Commons Block 109, Lot 1.02 – Engineers Letter

Mr. Foor: The applicant has made a couple of adjustments. The Engineer noted incorporation of green infrastructure. I was unable to attend the last Planning Board Meeting.

Ms. Argenti: There was a lot of talk about the four stories and signage. They agreed with the Environmental Commission that a new Environmental Assessment is not needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brooksbrae Brick Factory Cleanup – June 3, 2022

Information will be posted on our website.

Manchester’s First Annual “Green Fair” – May 18, 2022

Multiple vendors including JCP&L will be there. There will also be rain barrel and rain garden workshops.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Ms. Argenti's Report

SBB's "Drift"

Save Barnegat Bay released their documentary "Drift". There was a showing at the Princeton Film Festival. The documentary is up for an award.

The commissioners briefly discussed arranging a showing of the film in Manchester, possibly in the Town Hall Civic Center, or at the Ocean County Library. To be discussed at the following Environmental Commission meeting in May.

Pinelands Presentation

Ms. Argenti advised Joel Mott of the Pinelands Commission, gave an excellent presentation at the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting. The commissioners agree to invite Mr. Mott to one of their meetings. Secretary will arrange.

Ms. Middaugh's Report

Today is the release date for the 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning Electric truck. For more information, visit <https://www.ford.com/trucks/f150/f150-lightning/>

Mr. Foor's Report

Stormwater Management Training

The Planning Board members had mandatory training on stormwater management which was passed onto the Environmental Commission members.

EV Charging Station

Mayor Hudak announced the electric vehicle charging coordinates are in final draft.

Open Space Committee

Manchester Township and Ocean County are purchasing the Surf and Stream Campground for open space. The committee will not meet again until there are funds available.

Ms. Argenti: According to the law that formed Environmental Commissions in New Jersey, commissions are to keep an index of public and private properties. I think we should attempt to put together an index. We can reach out to ANJEC or other NJ Environmental Commissions about what they have done.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

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: 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary