

# MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 24, 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	Present

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### April 26, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Ms. Middaugh made a motion to approve the April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Argenti.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### OC Park Update

Ms. Argenti: I looked at all of the current documents relating to the New Ocean County Park on Ridgeway Boulevard. They are putting stormwater basins by the wetlands.

Mr. Foor: The park will include athletic fields and a playground. This is a county project, so Manchester Planning Board doesn't play a role in the approvals, but they did a courtesy review.

Ms. Fox: It doesn't appear thus far that the Pinelands Commission has any issues with the project. Deer use the Atlantic White Cedar in the winter.

Mr. Foor: Councilor Fusaro was trying to get a dog park included, but I believe he was unsuccessful.

Drawings should show acreage of deforestation. I'd be concerned if the edges are too close to Route 571. The commissioners discussed inviting somebody from the county to one of the commission meetings. Ms. Argenti to draft a letter.

#### Save Barnegat Bay (SBB) "Drift" Showing

SBB will be streaming their documentary "Drift" on July 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom. The commissioners discussed advertising the event.

### **Jackson Trails Hearing**

Ms. Fox: They are building two new elementary schools and a high school in Jackson. Properties about Manchester Township.

Mr. Foor: The original agreement was to extend the waterline through Manchester, but the resolution was rescinded. This notification is regarding the sewage connection; Manchester is providing the cross connection. They are putting private wells on the properties.

Ms. Fox: I know Long Beach Island, and Ocean County in general, runs low on fresh water in the summer.

Ms. Foor: I have mentioned in passing about strengthening our ordinances in the master plan; particularly Section 245 of the code.

Ms. Middaugh: I'm interested to see what happens at the scheduled public hearing.

### **Inspire NJ – Block 113, Lot 8 – Inconsistent Certificate of Filing**

Ms. Middaugh: This notification is regarding a septic system on a commercial lot on Route 70; there is too much nitrogen in the ground water and they cannot move forward.

Ms. Fox: It would be nice to put something there since the property is already cleared.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **JCP&L Energy Efficiency Programs**

Ms. Middaugh: After CLEAResult's presentation last month, they sent us a paragraph and presentation to pass on to the mayor. I am working with Lauren on redrafting the information they sent.

### **MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **Mr. Foor's Report**

##### **Green Team Advisory Committee**

The Township Council passed a resolution establishing a new committee – the Green Team Advisory Committee.

##### **Potential ANR – Block 62, Lots 30 & 31.01**

The Planning Board has been tasked with completing a redevelopment study for a property on Volante and Secondary Access roads to determine if it meets the requirements of an Area in Need of Redevelopment. An area needs to be vacant for 10+ years to be considered an ANR. The Planning Board Engineer advised today was the first time he heard about this project. It was approved at last night's Council meeting 3-2 votes.

#### **Ms. Argenti's Report**

##### **Save Barnegat Bay 3-part course on stormwater.**

Part 1: Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Primer

June 2, 2022, 11am – 12pm (Zoom)

Part 2: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Compliance

June 21, 2022, 11am-12pm (Zoom)

Part 3: Retrofitting Stormwater Basins

July 21, 2022, 11am – 12pm (In-person – Stafford)

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Time: 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee  
Commission Secretary