

## MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 27, 2023  
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
Karen Argenti	Present
Dina Newbert	Absent
Genevieve Stavalo	Present
William Foor	Present
Christopher Blaine	Absent
Sandra Drake	Absent

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

##### Motion to approve May 23, 2023 Minutes

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Stavalo.

##### **Roll call vote:** Ms. Fox, Mr. Foor and Ms. Stavalo; yes.

Ms. Argenti -Abstain

Mr. Blaine – Absent

Ms. Drake- Absent

Ms. Newbert-Absent

Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### **Discussion of inviting the Barnegat Bay Partnership to the July meeting to discuss the work they are doing on the watershed plan as it impacts Manchester Township**

Ms. Argenti explained that green infrastructure projects were introduced. She wants the Barnegat Bay Partnership to come into the Environmental Commission meeting and explain it to everyone. They are preparing a plan to protect Manchester’s watershed funded through DEP. She needs more information and will call Kaley to try and get them to come in July or August.

##### **Discussion of a list of projects pertaining to Environmental Damage Assessment from Ciba Geigy and or the Joint base in Manchester Township**

Ms. Argenti wants the Environmental Commission to look at Environmental damages caused by different types of pollutants and she will find more information about PFAS in the ground water. They want to find out where the damage is coming from and if not, find a way to mitigate the damage.

Ms. Fox explained that finding the origin of the contamination is important.

Ms. Stavalo said that the Girl Scouts used to test water in different spots and asked of the schools could do that for PFAS. Ms. Fox explained that they could not because the kits to do the testing are expensive and not easily accessible.

Ms. Argenti said that there is no way currently to filter out PFAS in the world.

Mr. Foor said that the base has been stopped since 1975. There are contaminants in the ground existing but nothing has been added to it. Multiple super fund sites have been established and the base is very sensitive about contaminants.

Ms. Argenti sent everyone the report about the contaminants in Pine Lake.

The Commissioners will make a list of what they think caused the contamination and what projects they can do.

**-Discussion of feasible recommendations we can make to the master plan**

The Commission tabled this matter.

**Discussion of attendance at Ocean County Environmental Agency meeting**

Ms. Argenti wanted to know how to get a hold of Ocean County Health Department statistics about what has been happening to people in the area and the leading causes of illnesses and death. She will email them and see if they can provide statistics and any charts they have.

**Discussion of Future Community Clean-ups**

The Commission will be looking to plan another clean-up for the week between teachers convention and Thanksgiving. They will be looking at more Township property in need of remediation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**MEMBER REPORT:**

**Ms. Fox-** None

**Ms. Argenti-** Attended the Ocean County Environmental Agency meeting where they were going to be discussing max loads. There was not a quorum so not much gone done or discussed.

**Ms. Stavalo-** None.

**Ms. Foor-** None

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

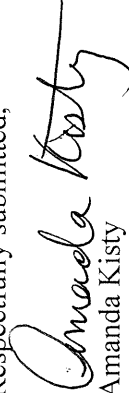
None.

The Public portion was concluded.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Argenti and seconded by Ms. Stavalo the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Amanda Kisty  
Commission Secretary