

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday May 28, 2025
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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

1. Dominick Tedeschi

ROLL CALL:

Jim Sloan	Present
Sandra Drake	Present
Kathy Stricchiola	Absent
Jim Gravatt	Present
Anthony Nasta	Present
Dominick Tedeschi	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Sloan made a motion to approve the April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Nasta.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Sloan-Yes
Ms. Drake- Yes
Mr. Gravatt -Yes
Ms. Stricchiola- Absent
Mr. Nasta -Yes
Mr. Tedeschi- Abstain
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hankins and Commissioner/Councilwoman Sandra Drake presented awards to the students who won the Annual Earth Day Art Contest.

Discussion of a new date for the Clean-up

The Commissioners decided that they will pick a new date for the annual clean-up at the August meeting for some time in October. They wanted to wait until it was not so hot and the tick and chigger season came to an end.

Discussion of the Annual Report for 2024 and the process for the Annual Report Going Forward

Mr. Sloan said that it is important that the Commissioners review the Annual Report for 2024.

Ms. Kisty said that she would like for them to keep the details in mind going forward so that we know what to include for 2025 and to see if there are any more goals that they would like to accomplish for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

MEMBER REPORT:

Ms. Sloan asked about the Tree Ordinance that was pending at the end of last year. Ms. Kisty said that she will get the ordinance to the Commissioners for their review.

Mayor Hankins explained that the concerns with the proposed ordinance mainly had to do with the fees for the residents and the Homeowners Associations. It also required a 4 inch trunk width and he went out to a nursery to see what is available and there are not many trees available with a 4 inch trunk width. Mr. Sloan asked about clear cutting. Ms. Kisty said that she will put the Ordinance on for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Drake stated that she still has no update on the walking path. Mayor Hankins stated that he believed that there is funding available for a bike path and will get information and pass it to Ms. Kisty. He said he spoke with Al Yodakis about it.

Ms. Drake asked about the path behind Summit Park, more specifically, Mule Rd. to Lakehurst. Mayor Hankins said that they have not spoken about that yet to Chris Smith. Mr. Nasta asked if they could get a letter out. Mayor Hankins stated that he would get a letter out to Chris Smith.

Mayor Hankins presented the \$147,000 grant check that the Township received to be used for recycling. He stated that he did not know if there were any funds allocated to the Environmental Commission specifically. He mentioned that he wanted to possibly start a work program with Regional Day School for trash and recycling pick up.

Mr. Nasta stated that he wants to cut a path to the lake for the kids in Pine Lake Park to be able to go fishing.

PUBLIC FORUM:

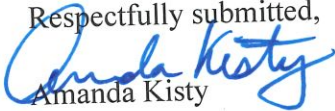
None.

Ms. Drake spoke to the public and the Board and thanked them for their participation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Gravatt and seconded by Mr. Tedeschi, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Kisty

Commission Secretary