

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Manchester Township Municipal Building
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Tedeschi 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve September 23, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gravatt made a motion to approve the September 23, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tedeschi.

Roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report 2025

Ms. Drake explained that they tried for a walking path in Pine Lake Park, but the director of Public Works decided that they would not do that do to children in town on motorcycles and bikes. The Mayor did propose a park in the back of Pine Lake Park. The Commissioners discussed this.

The Commissioners discussed other items to add to the draft report Ms. Kisty provided them with including that they checked out intersections in Pine Lake Park for flooding issues, discussed the potential Environmental Hazards of the bath house, they organized and participated in a Green Fair, they organized and judged a poster contest for Earth Day and they hosted a Community Clean-up on November 15, 2025.

Goals and Objectives for 2026

The Commissioners discussed Goals and Objectives for 2025 and proposed new Goals and Objectives for 2026 including coming up with more environmentally friendly projects, create a rail trail and make sure they have a table at Manchester Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Planning Board Application PB-2025-06-Heritage Solar Farm LLC-B75.01, L:1-Preliminary and Final Site Plan Application-Environmental Impact Statement

Ms. Drake stated that she will reach out to the Administration about arranging a site visit for the Environmental Commission.

Ms. Kisty explained that the application will likely be heard at the December 1, 2025 Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Nasta stated that he is concerned that the Commission never really gets any feedback from the Council.

Ms. Drake left at 6:27 p.m.

Discussion of details for Fall Clean-up

The Commissioners discussed the details of the location of the clean-up and where they would be targeting.

Mr. Gravatt mentioned that he would like to petition the Council and Administration to install trail cams in the woods to catch people dumping. Mr. Tedeschi agreed and would like to try to crack down on illegal dumping.

MEMBER REPORT:

Mr. Gravatt said that he would like to see more deer crossing signs installed between Wynnewood and Cedar Glen and Manchester Blvd.

There were no more member reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Gravatt and seconded by Mr. Nasta, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Kisty
Commission Secretary