

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Manchester Township Municipal Building
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Drake 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	Present
Jim Gravatt	Absent
Anthony Nasta	Present
Dominick Tedeschi	Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve May 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Nasta made a motion to approve the May 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Stricchiola.

Roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Sustainable NJ Certification Status

Ms. Kisty explained that everything has been submitted and they are in the process of reviewing the application for approval.

Discussion of previously proposed tree ordinance and effects of clear cutting

The Commissioners decided to move this matter to the next meeting because Mr. Sloan had requested that this matter be discussed and he is not present. The Commissioners will give the proposed ordinance a more thorough review.

OLD BUSINESS

None

MEMBER REPORT:

Ms. Stricchiola would like to have the beekeepers come to present at a meeting in September. September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. is the September meeting. Ms. Stricchiola will give Ms. Drake and Ms. Kisty the contact information.

Mr. Nasta said that he was out in the Township with Public Works and they are looking to address the water problem in Pine Lake Park. Water pooling is an issue at the end of Englemere and they are looking to possibly install storm drains. Ms. Drake confirmed that there was a drainage project approved by Council at last night's Council meeting.

Ms. Drake asked Council to bring up the walking path at the bi-weekly meeting. She asked for a letter in response to the same.

Mr. Nasta asked where they can access grants that are available. He spoke about maintenance of the grounds at Townhall and the roads.

Ms. Kisty asked to make sure that everyone had received the Environmental Impact Statements that she sent for the Commission's review. She asked that the Commissioners review them prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Stricchiola voiced her concerns about Affordable Housing and Ms. Kisty explained that it was a legal requirement dictated by the State and that the Township is legally obligated to comply.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Joe Markowski came before the Commission and asked which Townhomes were being advertised online. Ms. Kisty attempted to explain and determine which townhomes he was referring to.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Nasta and seconded by Ms. Drake, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Kisty
Commission Secretary