

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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: 6:10 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

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| Dominick Tedeschi | Present |
| Sandra Drake | Present |
| John Franolich | Present |
| Jim Gravatt | Present |
| Anthony Nasta | Present |
| Kathy Stricchiola | Absent |

6:11 p.m. Mr. Tedeschi asked for a motion to enter executive session to discussion personnel matters.

Mr. Franolich made that motion, seconded by Sandra Drake.

Roll call vote:

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

6:20 p.m. Commissioners returned from Executive Session upon a motion made by Jim Gravatt, seconded by Mr. Franolich.

Roll call vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve November 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Nasta made a motion to approve the November 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Gravatt.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Tedeschi-Yes

Ms. Drake- Yes

John Franolich-Abstain

Mr. Gravatt -Yes

Mr. Nasta -Yes

Ms. Stricchiola- Absent

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

Mr. Nasta asked how Jeffrey Jerman knows about lots for sale. Ms. Kisty explained that there are a number of ways, but that he probably looks at tax sale lists and auctions.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Report 2025

The Commissioners requested more time to review the report. Ms. Kisty said that she will email the commissioners the report and will put the matter on the agenda again for the February meeting.

MEMBER REPORT:

Ms. Drake explained that there is a lot of liability that goes along with the camping event that was previously discussed. She said she spoke with the Mayor and with the Director of Recreation, Tracey Lynch. Ms. Lynch said that the Commission could get a table at Manchester Day or other events to build bird houses. She said that the camping event does not seem “doable” right now.

The Commissioners said that they would send letters to Home Depot to get the birdhouses.

Ms. Drake said that she spoke with the Mayor about getting t-shirts made to give out to volunteers. The Commissioners discussed combining the t-shirts with the annual Earth Day Art Contest. They decided that the design on the t-shirt would be from the winner of the Earth Day Art Contest. Ms. Kisty said that she will work on the flyer. The Commissioners said that they will choose one winner per grade and one overall winner for the t-shirts. There will be 14 winners all together. They will have plaques made and give out Dairy Queen gift cards.

The Commissioners asked if they were aloud to accept donations. Ms. Kisty said that she would look into it.

The Commissioners mentioned that they would like to expand on the Green Team.

The Commissioners spoke about the tree ordinance. They will put it on the agenda for the March meeting.

Mr. Nasta spoke about the eagles' nests.

Ms. Kisty said that she will email the site plan review sheets along with the EIS Review sheet again.

There were no more member reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Drake and seconded by Mr. Gravatt, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Kisty
Commission Secretary