MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 28, 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: 6:05 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Dominick Tedeschi	Present
Sandra Drake	Present
John Franolich	Absent
Jim Gravatt	Absent
Anthony Nasta	Present
Robert Morris	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the June 30, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Mr. Nasta made a motion to approve the June 30, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Morris.
Roll call vote:
Mr. Tedeschi-Yes
Ms. Drake- Abstain
John Franolich-Absent
Mr. Gravatt -Absent
Mr. Nasta -Yes
Robert Morris-Yes
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Fall Clean-up date and location

The Commissioners decided on two locations for the clean-ups in the fall. On the east end of town they decided to begin at the "Cheer Barn" by the recreational football fields and clean from the football fields to the schools. This clean-up would take place on November 14, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The next clean-up would be on Lake Rd. in Whiting along Roosevelt City to the Lake. The meet-up location would be Harry Wright Lake on November 21, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Drake stated that she would look into safety vests because it is hunting season. She will also look into the cost of bright colored t-shirts.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms., Drake said she will check on the memo to Council from Mr. Morris regarding the School Collaboration program. Mr. Morris explained the purpose again and stated that he would like to establish a club and they would need funds to purchase equipment, supplies, transportation costs, etc. They would probably need at least $1,000.00 to get it started.

Mr. Nasta asked about the Arya Properties application and the potential cedar swamp in the area. Ms. Kisty explained that there were no designated wetlands on the subject property.

MEMBER REPORT:

Ms. Kisty suggested that the Commissioners come up with talking points and send them to her prior to the meeting.

Mr. Morris suggested a senior outreach education program about green energy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Markowski said there was a lot of good discussion today.

.ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Drake and seconded by Mr. Morris, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Kisty
Commission Secretary