

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**June 23, 2020**

**7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Debbie Kratzer, Chairperson, at 7:30P.M. The below Notice Requirements were read aloud.

**Notice Requirements**

**Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by being published in the Courier News on February 4, 2020 and the Hunterdon County Democrat on February 6, 2020. A copy of this notice was also telefaxed to the Express Times and posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 30, 2020.**

**In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Commission, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over talk. Further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Maureen Syrnick  
Debbie Kratzer  
Mara Tippet  
Timothy Cahalin  
Gail Ashley  
Ralph Celebre  
Sandra McNicol  
Lois Voronin  
Betsy Combs

**Absent**

Cynthia Niciecki

**Public Comments**

**N/A**

**Approval of February 25, 2020 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Mara Tippet and seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve the February 25, 2020 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Ashley, Celebre, McNicol, Voronin</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- Tippet, Cahalin, Combs, Niciecki</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Niciecki</b>

### **Correspondence**

ANJEC News  
Reviewed

### **Stewardship**

Lockatong Creek Riparian Buffer

- Safer Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting Strategies to Reduce and Prevent COVID-19 Transmission  
Reviewed
- Covid-19 Safety for Tree Planting  
Reviewed social distancing requirements during planting project. R. Dodds has offered to have holes dug in advance using a tractor with post hole-digger. This will help to minimize physical exertion for volunteers.
- Roots for Rivers tree planting at Melnyk property  
500 trees are expected to be delivered June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM to the Department of Public Works building. The Americorp Watershed Ambassador, Anjali Thakker, discussed various different volunteer groups that were excited to participate such as the local Girl Scout and Cheerleading clubs and other details of the Tree planting event.
- Grant Modification (draft)  
Reviewed
- Horseshoe Bend  
M. Tippet stated she will contact J. MacConnell for mowing the Pollinator Garden at the park once it reaches the height of 18 inches

### **Reports**

D. Kraters updated Commission members on the status of the 2019 Environmental Commission Annual Report. Members chose various topics to report and will submit before July meeting. Annual Report topic tabled to July 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

### **Action Items**

N/A

### **New Business**

N/A

### **Old Business**

N/A

### **Other Matters**

R. Celebre discussed a meeting that he had with a representative of the NJ State Department of Agriculture, Beneficial Insect program regarding the use of weevils in the eradication of the Mile-a-Minute weed at the Horseshoe Bend Park. He will check status of weed growth and report back at the August meeting.

### **Sustainable Kingwood**

N/A

### **Open Space and Ag Update**

S.McNicol stated that the Open Space and Agriculture Committees have not met for a few months. The next meeting is schedule for July 6<sup>th</sup>. Suggestion was made that any Open Space acquisitions be posted to the Kingwood website. S. McNicol will follow up.

### **Luxfer**

NJPDES Significant Indirect User (SIU) Preliminary Draft

Chairperson, Debbie Kratzer, recused herself from this discussion.

The Commission reviewed the notification of the NJDEP SIU Renewal Permit Action.

T. Cahalin asked if there would be a period for public comment. G. Ashley said that she would check that but this Renewal Permit Action is a fairly standard practice.

R. Celebre stated that he has seen tankers driving down State Route 12 with waster water spilling out of the truck. G. Ashley encouraged him to report that to the NJDEP hotline.

### **Penn East Pipeline Update**

Penn East application to DRBC

State of New Jersey's brief to the Supreme Court in the Matter of Penn East's Appeal.

D. Kratzer reported that the Supreme Court is expected to announce their willingness to hear the Penn East case some time next week. If they do not hear the case then Penn East will not be permitted to lay pipe across any state owned land. If they do decide to hear the case the Commission will submit comments. At this time it was agreed that the Commission should wait for the Supreme Court's decision on case.

### **Site Plan Application Review**

N/A

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by S. McNicol and seconded by R. Celebre and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05PM.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by  
Secretary