

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2020
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Secretary Walters at 7:10 P.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 December 20, 2019 and the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 26, 2019. A copy of this notice was also telefaxed to the Express Times and posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on December 23, 2019

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, and 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
Sandra McNicol
Lois Voronin
Betsy Combs

Absent

Gail Ashley
Ralph Celebre
Cynthia Niciecki

Reorganize

Nomination for Chairperson

It was moved by Lois Voronin seconded by Mara Tippet and carried to nominate **Debbie Kratzer** Chairperson for the Environmental Commission for 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	- Kratzer, Tippet, Cahalin, McNicol, Voronin, Combs
Nay	- None
Abstain	- None
Absent	- Ashley, Celebre, Niciecki

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer took over the meeting at this time.

Nomination for Vice Chairperson

It was moved by Lois Voronin seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to nominate **Mara Tippet** Vice Chairperson for the Environmental Commission for 2020.

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

Motion and approval of local newspapers (Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News) for advertisements

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the local newspapers (Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News) for advertisements for the Environmental Commission for 2020.

All Members in Attendance Voted Aye on Roll Call Vote

Motion and Approval of Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2020

January 28, 2020	June 23, 2020	November 17, 2020
February 25, 2020	July 28, 2020	December 15, 2020
March 24, 2020	August 25, 2020	
April 28, 2020	September 22, 2020	
May 26, 2020	October 27, 2020	

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to approve scheduled meeting dates for the Environmental Commission for 2020.

All Members in Attendance Voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Public Comments

N/A

Approval of December 17, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Lois Voronin and seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve the December 17, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes with noted spelling and grammatical corrections.

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

Correspondence

LOI Notification for Block 6 Lot 11 – 300 Ridge Road

The Commission discussed this notification of application for Wetlands Letter of Interpretation. S. McNicol to follow up with L. Voronin to obtain more information and will submit their findings to M. Tippet who will send a letter to NJDEP requesting more information from them.

Storb Environmental Inc. – Downstream Notification for Deiter Brothers Fuel Co.
Reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District Letter of Certification Block 41 Lot 8.07 – 159 Federal Twist Rd.

Commission agreed to table this topic and will review again at the February meeting.

NJDEP Update – Salem Seedlings

Committee discussed the best location to plant the seedling that will be bestowed on the Township from NJDEP. The consensus was that Kingwood Park will be the best location.

ANJEC No Plastics
Reviewed

Hunterdon County Department Health Dirty Dirt Information
Reviewed

Reports

N/A

Site Plans

Galleria revised site plans for Block 17 Lot 15
Reviewed

Action Items

Upon request by the Kingwood Township Planning Board the Environmental Commission was asked to review Ordinance Chapter 132 Solar Farms. D. Kratzer will write a memo to the Planning Board outlining the Environmental Commission's recommendations for amending the current Solar Ordinance to account for parcels of less than 40 acres.

Selection of 2020 Dates for Work/Maintenance.

- All work maintenance days will be voluntary.
- March 15th Sunday at 10:00AM - Location yet to be determined
- June 23rd Thursday at 5:00PM- Location Kingwood Park
- August, and October dates yet to be determined

ANJEC Membership 2020

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Mara Tippet to approve payment of \$375.00 for base membership in ANJEC for 2020. Base membership to include 7 Environmental Commission members.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Kratzer, Tippet, McNicol, Voronin, Combs
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- ??
	Absent	- Ashley, Celebre, Niciecki

Other Matters

Tree Recovery Campaign
Reviewed.

Kingwood Township Environmental Commission Annual Newsletter and Report.
D. Kratzer reviewed the 2018 Annual Report as a guide for the writing of the 2019 Report.
She welcomed any input or assistance writing the Annual Report.

Kingwood Township Environmental Commission 2020 Objectives Draft
D. Kratzer asked members to review a draft copy of the Commission's 2020 Objectives. All additions or changes are welcomed and members were asked to submit input to D. Kratzer by February 18th for compilation and preparation for the February 25, 2020 meeting.

Kingwood Township Septic Report
S. McNicol reported that the Hunterdon County Department of Health has posted on their website all septic repairs and replacements within Hunterdon County. Kingwood records reviewed.

Old Business

Sargent and Ellen Russell letter to Delaware River Scenic Byway Re: Route 29 Rock Fall Mitigation.
Reviewed

Recycling News and Update

Sustainable Kingwood

Sustainable Jersey Community Certification Report

Horseshoe Bend Park – News and Update

M. Syrnick discussed the need for a work meeting between the Kingwood Township Department of Public Works and selected members of the Environmental Commission to discuss best methods for road maintenance regarding environmental impact.

Penn East Pipeline Update

PennEast's certificate of convenience expired on January 19, 2020. FERC will be voting soon on whether to grant an extension. Environmental Commission Members voted for Debbie Kratzer to submit comments to FERC on behalf of the Environmental Commission to express opposition to extending the certificate.

Adjournment

It was moved by M. Tippet and seconded by S. McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:00PM.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary