

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 25, 2020

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Debbie Kratzer, Chairperson, at 7:30 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

Debbie Kratzer
Gail Ashley
Ralph Celebre
Sandra McNicol
Lois Voronin

Absent

Maureen Syrnick
Mara Tippet
Timothy Cahalin
Cynthia Niciecki

Public Comments

N/A

Approval of January 28, 2020 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the January 28, 2020 Environmental Commission Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Correspondence

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

Reviewed

Youth Hunting at Horseshoe Bend Park

Reviewed

Wood Environmental Freshwater Wetlands Application Block 15 Lot 8.01 and Block 15 Lot 3 Committee reviewed application and noted that the applicant needed to remediate drain ditch but pollutant requiring mediation was not mentioned. S. McNicol volunteered to contact Wood Environmental to obtain that information.

Environmental Memo to Planning Board re: Solar Ordinance.

S.McNicol, Planning Board representative reported that the Board did discuss the noise issue and confirmed that the facility that houses the inverters will be sound proof. Setbacks are in place and the Solar Ordinance will state that Solar facilities cannot be built on less than 20 acres and that they can be built on owned and leased land.

Reports

N/A

Action Items

N/A

Site Plans

Multi-permit application for power line rights-of-way vegetative and structural maintenance.

Reviewed

NJDEP Application for Flood Hazard area – Block 51 Lot 12 Old River Rd.

Reviewed

New Business

Raritan Headwaters Annual River Clean-up Monetary Support. S. McNicol stated that we will not be able to support this program having just received information that the Auditors determined the Clean Community account has been depleted.

Old Business

2019 Annual Report

D. Krazter asked Commission members to select a section of the report that they would be responsible for writing.

Other Matters

Roots for Rivers

D. Kratzer stated that we had applied for trees to plant over an area of one acre but since there were not as many applicants as expected she proposed applying for additional trees to cover a broader area especially since this is the last year for this grant.

Apply for Additional Trees for the Roots for Rivers Program

It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Ralph Celebre to approve application for additional trees for planting through the Roots for Rivers program.

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

Sustainable Kingwood

N/A

Horseshoe Bend Park – News and Update

N/A

Open Space and Ag Update

S. McNicol reported that the Solar Ordinance was discussed at the last meeting.

Luxfer

G. Ashley is following up on general information with NJDEP

Penn East Pipeline Update

NJ Conservation Foundation Letter to Property Owners along Pipeline Plan Reviewed.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary