

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022

7:30 pm

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chair Debbie Kratzer at 7:31 pm. The below Notice Requirements were read aloud.

Notice Requirements

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on February 10, 2022. A copy of this Meeting notice was telefaxed to the Express Times and posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on February 16, 2022.

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. All persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use through your computer or phone if the meeting is being held virtually or by the Township if the meeting is being held in-person. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was conducted by a virtual Zoom meeting. Information on the meeting notice was posted on the Kingwood Township website.

Roll Call

Present

Debbie Kratzer

Lois Voronin

Mara Tippet

Ralph Celebre

Timothy Cahalin

Betsy Combs

Gail Ashley (joined the meeting at 7:35 pm however, she experienced computer issues and phoned in at 7:58 pm)

Absent

Maureen Syrnick

Cynthia Niececki

Sandra McNicol

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Mara Tippet and seconded by Ralph Celebre and carried to approve the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission as corrected.

Under Correspondence, there was a correction to the January 25, 2022 minutes which stated:

Chair Debbie Kratzer noted a Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification (NJDEP Case No. 21-12-17-0823-36) was received regarding Luxfer Technologies (formerly **Luxfer/MEL**). Ralph Celebre reminded the members regarding the tour that was promised by **Luxfer** after Covid-19 lessens.

And the correction:

Chair Debbie Kratzer noted a Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification (NJDEP Case No. 21-12-17-0823-36) was received regarding Luxfer Technologies (formerly Luxfer). Ralph Celebre reminded the members regarding the tour that was promised by Luxfer after Covid-19 lessens.

Mara Tippettt pointed out the inconsistency of the company's name in the corrected February 22, 2022 meeting minutes. The EC Secretary was asked to clarify what is the correct company name and determined it was incorrectly identified on the Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification (NJDEP Case No. 21-12-17-0823-36) as Luxfermel Technologies. The company's website states it is Luxfer MEL Technologies.

All present from the Environmental Commission voted Aye on the Roll Call Vote.

Motion to Approve the March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Mara Tippettt and seconded by Ralph Celebre and carried to approve the March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission.

Chair Debbie Kratzer commented that she would like to have Dr. David Robinson's presentation on 'New Jersey's Changing Climate' from the March 28, 2022 EC meeting available on the Kingwood Township website. The EC Secretary noted that the video is a very large file (375M) and will find out if the file can be linked from the website.

All present from the Environmental Commission voted Aye on the Roll Call Vote except for Tim Cahalin who was absent at last month's meeting and abstained.

Correspondence

Chair Debbie Kratzer noted a Hazardous Waste Notification (#22-03-15-1322-02) was received regarding Precision Drilling washing out tankers of un-neutralized polymer drill slurry onto the ground without a containment system and removing emissions parts from their diesel trucks. Chair Debbie Kratzer explained that the Notification was received but there isn't a follow-up Notification to know the outcome of the situation. Lois Voronin thought the outcome could be determined by searching the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's DataMiner website.

Chair Debbie Kratzer noted another Hazardous Waste Notification (#22-04-08-1311-12) was received regarding removal of a heating oil tank and explained this notification is common in case any oil spills during removal.

Chair Debbie Kratzer stated an email was received from Katrina Campbell, Kingwood Township Attorney, regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. The email explained the rules of what constitutes a public meeting to ensure that Kingwood Township business does not occur outside of a public meeting.

Chair Debbie Kratzer stated the Fifth Five-Year Review Report for DeRewal Chemical Company Superfund Site was received. She explained a bit of the history of this site and some of the details of the report. Several members discussed the location of the site and whether area residents had public water or well water near this location.

Chair Debbie Kratzer explained a Letter of Interpretation for 321 Barbertown-Point Breeze Road, Block 19, Lot 19 was received however, there were only 15 days in which to comment, and the 15-day comment period expired before the March EC meeting.

Reports

Chair Debbie Kratzer noted the Kingwood Township Environmental Commission's 2022 Objectives has been finalized.

Chair Debbie Kratzer stated EC members sent her updates for the 2021 Annual Report however, she hasn't incorporated the information into the document yet.

Notice of Upcoming Meetings/Workshops: Reminder of Dates

Chair Debbie Kratzer reported the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River grant for planting trees and herbaceous plants will occur this upcoming weekend on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Stewardship

Chair Debbie Kratzer reminded the members that Stewardship Days will be the second Wednesday of the month with the first one being held on May 11, 2022 at 6 pm.

Rockfall Mitigation

Ralph Celebre attended a meeting at the Lambertville Mayor's Office where Steve Freeman, Devi's Tea Table Alliance, gave a presentation opposing the Rockfall Mitigation project in the hopes that Lambertville will pass a resolution opposing the project.

Environmental Resource Inventory

Chair Debbie Kratzer stated she hasn't worked on the ERI during the past month however, she indicated she will soon.

Revised Well Ordinance

Chair Debbie Kratzer reported the revised well ordinance was adopted at the Board of Health's meeting held on March 16, 2022. Lois Voronin pointed out that she didn't believe there was an April 20, 2022 Board of Health meeting and didn't think there was a notification to alert the public that the meeting was cancelled.

Sustainable Kingwood

Mara Tippet reported that she met with Ralph Celebre to discuss the status of the recertification cycle as the deadline for the first round is May 22, 2022. November 2022 is the final deadline to complete all documentation. Mara Tippet suggested including the Bull's Island planting of trees and herbaceous plants as an Innovative Community Project.

Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committees Meeting News

No update was provided as Sandra McNicol was absent from the EC meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting News

Mara Tippet stated the Easter Egg Hunt was recently held and the Fishing Derby will be held on June 18th. Mara Tippet worked on an erosion control project on the White Trail in Horseshoe Bend Park.

Chair Debbie Kratzer stated the free tree giveaway was successful in which nearly 500 trees were distributed.

Planning Board Site Plans, News

Lois Voronin explained there is a warehouse being proposed east of the Kingwood Office Park on Route 12. The original plan was approved in the early 2000's for three separate warehouse buildings however, this new proposal is for one 68,000 square foot warehouse. The EC members pointed out the regulations were different nearly 20 years ago such as stormwater control and wetlands delineation, and the new project should adhere to new and updated regulations.

Recycling and Clean Communities Updates

No update was provided as Maureen Syrnick was absent from the EC meeting.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

Gail Ashley stated she contacted Bryan Moore, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the Luxfer MEL final report however, he did not respond back to her regarding the status of the final report. Gail Ashley then contacted Gavin Edwards, Vice President of Luxfer MEL US Operations, who sent her request to William Kraft, Licensed Site Remediation Professional, Ramboll US Corporation. Gavin thought an extension to complete the final report was granted and the report hasn't been finalized yet.

Adjournment

Mara Tippet made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm, seconded Lois Voronin, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Hutton, Secretary