

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35p.m. Chairperson, Debbie Kratzer called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirements

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on December 21, 2017, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on December 14, 2017. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on December 14, 2017.

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 Synchronick
Debbie Kratzer
Ralph Celebre
Sandra McNicol
Gail Ashley
Lois Voronin
Mara Tippett

Absent

Cynthia Niciecki
William Reasoner
Timothy Cahalin

Public Comments

Approval of the July 24, 2018, 2018 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve the July 24, 2018 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected.

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

Correspondence

LOI 323 Barbertown-Idell Rd - Block 29 Lot 22.02 - Pauch

Reviewed on www.njmap2.com

Committee had questions concerning this LOI. Debbie Kratzer, Chairperson, will contact Township Engineer for clarification.

LOI – Line Verification 136 Kingwood-Locktown Rd – Block 25 Lot 7

Reviewed letter, map from DEP and property on www.njmap2.com.

The Land Conservancy of NJ Summer Newsletter

Reviewed

Bog Turtle Article from NJ Audubon Magazine

Sandra McNicol suggested that if property is purchased in Kingwood for wetlands credit the Committee should consider using that area for Bog Turtle preservation. Kingwood is a very good natural habitat for this species.

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates

ANJEC Environment Congress October 12

Debbie Kratzer will be presenting. Mara Tippettt will be attending this event.

Reports

N/A

Action Items

N/A

Old Business

Single Use Plastic Bags Legislation was vetoed by Gov. Murphy. It was felt that more environmentally supportive solutions should be pursued.

NJDEP Management Tools for ground water availability Request / NJDEP Response

Debbie Kratzer, Chairperson, recused herself from this discussion.

Lois Voronin reported that the NJDEP response letter stated they do not offer assistance to municipalities in the area of management tools for determining ground water availability.

Ms. Voronin suggested she may reach out to surrounding municipalities to see if there is similar interest and need and working together with NJDEP to come up with tools.

The Committee encouraged Ms. Voronin to keep working with the DEP to develop these tools for future work.

Thank you letters for Tree Planting

Reviewed

Recycle News and Update

Sandra McNicol reported that the relationship with the Township recycle hauler, Raritan Valley Disposal, has improved. Previous problems are being address and corrected.

Sustainable Kingwood

Mara Tippet reported that we will be able to certify as a Sustainable Municipality at the bronze level for next year. We currently have five of the six categories required.

Horseshoe Bend Park – News and Update

No Update for Horseshoe Bend Park.

Debbie Kratzer, Chairperson, noted that the trees that were planted at the Kingwood Park for Tree Planting month in April are doing very well. Many trees have grown above the planting tubes.

Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting News and Update

No Update

Luxfer – Update

Gail Ashley and Debbie Kratzer listened to a portion of the recording of the December 4th, 2017 MEL meeting. They believe that having the meeting transcribed verbatim will not be helpful since some of the presentation language would require explanation and interpretation.

Ms. Ashley contacted Andy Dillman from NJDEP who has been overseeing the MEL/Luxfer Chemical clean-up. In response to her request for an update on the site Mr. Dillman stated that there were still a few issues with the 2016 Remedial Investigation Report so it had been rejected. The outstanding issues are:

A revised Groundwater Classification Exception Area, CEA is required for the salt plume.

Well “E” from the east side of the property had shown traces of uranium. Monitoring of this well is required.

An incident was called in for radium 226 in the soil in 2017.

A Remedial Action Report is due to NJDEP in May 2019.

Ms. Ashley contacted called Bill Kraft at Ramboll Environ for an update on the above issues. She was told that the geologist who had been working on the salt plume has left the company. Ms. Ashley also tried to reach the person who sent the uranium report to DEP but that person has also left the company. Ms. Ashley spoke with the new contact, Mr. Curtis Kennedy and asked how radioactive material got into the soil since they’re not supposed to be using any radioactive materials. Mr. Curtis stated that he will look into this and report back. Ms. Ashley asked for a copy of the supplemental report that was submitted in 2016 and to be appraised of the status of soil and well monitoring.

Chris's Sit and Go

Response from Jim Vliet, Sorge Engineering regarding Chris's Sit & Go

Sandra McNicol reported that she finally received answers to follow up questions posed to Sorge Engineering firm.

Committee reviewed the information and the well test results which did show improvement.

DEP is monitoring this periodic review.

PennEast Pipeline Update

Letter from Delaware Township to FERC re: Fault in Application Process

Reviewed

Other Matters

Debbie Kratzer noted that there has been a lot of herbicide/pesticide spraying along Route 29 and not sure if that is being done by NJDOT or another state department. She stated that there is concern about this since the area being sprayed is so close to the river. Sandra McNicol noted that there has been a lot of spraying along County Rt. 519 as well. Ms. Kratzer will try to find out which department at NJ State is responsible for the spraying and attempt to contact them to discuss.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Lois Voronin to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary