

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2019
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30p.m. Deborah Kratzer, Chairperson, read aloud the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirement

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 on January 31, 2019 and the Courier News on January 27, 2019. A copy of the notice was telefaxed to the Express Times and posted at the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 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
Timothy Cahalin
Ralph Celebre
Sandra McNicol
Lois Voronin
Betsy Combs**

Absent

**Gail Ashley
Mara Tippett
Cynthia Niciecki**

Privilege of the Floor

Approval of February 26, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, and seconded by Ralph Celebre and carried to approve the February 26, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Correspondence

NJDEP Enforcement Action against Unlawful Solid Waste Dump in Sussex County
Reviewed

NJDEP News Release March 2019
Reviewed

HCSCD Letter of Certification Failla Dwelling, 67 Muddy Run Road
Reviewed

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates

11th Annual FoHVos Invasive Species Strike Team March 27, 2019 9:30am-3:30pm
Betsy Combs

Horseshoe Bend Park Tree Giveaway April 6, 2019 9:00am-1:00pm

Nature Conservancy Tree Planting at Kingwood Park April 13, 2019 Time to be determined

I-Denta Shred Event – Kingwood Park – April 27, 2019 – Volunteers Needed!

Reports

Final Approval 2018 Annual Report.

Motion to Submit Environmental Commission 2018 Annual Report to the Township Committee.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, and seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the submission of the Environmental Commission 2018 Annual Report to the Township Committee.

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

Action Items

Tree Planting at Kingwood Park on April 13, 2019.

The Committee discussed the need for many volunteers to plant, spike, and place protective tubing over 350 trees. S. McNicol offered to contact the Delaware Valley Regional High School Environmental Club to see if any of those students are interested in volunteering.

Site Plan Review

Board of Adjustment Applications for Environmental Commission Review
Block 6 Lot 18 – T-Mobile – Additional Antennas
Reviewed

Block 15 Lot 4.02 – Freeman – Pole Barn Construction
Committee requested a copy of the Letter of Interpretation of wetlands, which was not in the BOA packet, to review at April 23rd meeting.

Block 51 Lot 12 – Byram Raising House and Building Addition
Committee requested a copy of the Impervious Surface Report, identification of the septic disposal field and information regarding a NJ State approved retaining wall which were not included in the BOA packet. Information will be review at the April 23rd meeting.

Block 15 Lot 1 – Milford – Residential Dwelling in Business Park Zone
Reviewed

New Business

N/A

Old Business

The Committee discussed the Verizon Stealth Cell tower to be built on County Route 519. Of particular concern is the color light to be used for compliance with FAA requirements. Red lights have a disorienting effect on migratory birds but white lights do not as long as they blink every 1.5 seconds. R. Celebre volunteered to write a memo to the Kingwood Township Board of Adjustment and Planning Board suggesting that white light be required for the Verizon Stealth tower building project. The memo will also request that the Planning Board consider an amendment to the current ordinance #132-49 Wireless Communication Towers requiring white lights for all towers in Kingwood Township.

Motion to Submit a Memo to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board from the Environmental Commission recommending that all Communication Towers be required to have White Lights that Blink every 1.5 seconds to Ensure the Safety of Migratory Birds. Motion to Include Recommendation to the Planning Board that Ordinance #132-49 be Amended to Require White Lights for all Future Towers Built in Kingwood Township.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, and seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the submission of a memo to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board from the Environmental Commission recommending that all Communication Towers be required to have white lights that blink every 1.5 seconds to ensure the safety of migratory birds. Motion to include a recommendation to the Planning Board that Ordinance #132-49 Wireless Communication Towers be amended to require white lights for all future towers built in Kingwood Township.

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

Other Matters

Hunterdon County Shred Event

Committee requested that email be sent to all Kingwood Township committees seeking two volunteers.

Recycling News and Update

Recycling Coach <https://solutions.recyclecoach.com/>

D. Kratzer suggested that Environmental Committee members watch the Recycle Coach tutorial regarding recycling.

Horseshoe Bend Park – News and Update

S. McNicol reported that rocks have been laid down around the entrance gate of the Dog Free Leash Area to mitigate the mud caused by the wet weather and large volume of traffic in and out of the gate.

Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee

N/A

Sustainable Kingwood

Sustainable Infographics <https://www.nj.gov/dep/ages/sustainability-inforgraphics.html>

Discussed as a means of public awareness via social media.

Luxfer/MEL

T. Cahalin volunteered to contact Luxfer to obtain status on final report

Penn East Pipeline Update:

NJ Conservation Survey and Eminent Domain Update
Reviewed.

Climate 101 Natural Gas Information Sheet
Reviewed

M. Syrnick reported that Penn East plans to submit an Environmental Assessment not an Environmental Impact Statement or project amendments in Pennsylvania. Comments are due by April 15 and the first comment should be Demand and Environmental Impact Statement.

Adjournment

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Tim Cahalin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary