ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2019
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35PM
Debbie 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

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<td>Maureen Syrnick</td>
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Privilege of the Floor
M. Syrnick mentioned that the Pollinator Project information should be put onto the Township website. D. Kratzer volunteered to do that.

Approval of October 22, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Gail Ashley, and seconded by Betsy Combs and carried to approve the October 22, 2019 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:  Aye - Kratzer, Voronin, Combs, Ashley
                 Nay - None
                 Abstain - Tippet, Celebre
                 Absent - Cahalin, Niciecki, McNicol
**Correspondence**
Goldenbaum Bail Engineering Flood Hazard Area General Permit NJDEP Application for Authorization Block 51 Lot 12.
Reviewed.

Resignation letter from Secretary, Michele Tipton-Walters
The Committee thanked Secretary Walters for her two years of service.

Memo – David Pierce Board of Adjustment Attorney re: Siano Accessory Apartment Block 30 Lot 2
Reviewed.

**Report**
Kingwood Township Environmental Commission Rockfall Mitigation Report
Committeeman Dodds has been in communication with NJDOT and has questions which were not fully answered. He has requested an on-site meeting with that Rockfall Mitigation Team from that Department.

**Action Items**
Township Committee 2020 Budget Request
The Committee discussed 2019 Budget of $1,200.00 vs expenditures of $899.96.

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Mara Tippett and carried to approve the Environmental Commission 2020 Budget Request be kept the same as 2019 at $1,200.00

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<th>Roll Call Vote</th>
<th>Aye</th>
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Roots for Rivers 2020 Program
D. Kratzer reported that 350 trees were planted around the Kingwood Park area from this program in 2019. That number of trees was too high for the number of volunteers who came out to plant. The committee decided to apply for 100 trees this year to keep the project more manageable.

It was moved by Ralph Celebre, seconded by Betsy Combs and carried to recommend the Township Committee approve the application for the Roots for Rivers Grant.
**Roll Call Vote:**

Aye - Kratzer, Voronin, Ashley, Combs, Tippett, Celebre

Nay - None

Abstain - None

Absent - Cahalin, Niciecki, McNicol

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**Site Plan Review**

N/A

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**Other Matters**

Board of Adjustment agenda and materials from November 13, 2019.

Reviewed.

Radon Action Partnership Packet

M. Tippett volunteered to research the Radon Action Grant for test kits to be given out during Radon Awareness month in January.

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**Horseshoe Bend Park Update**

The Girls Scouts came out to work with M. Tippett to plant a little more than an acre size bee pollinator field. Ms. Tippett discussed the benefit of having a workshop meeting with J. McConnell and any other park caretakers to determine the best maintenance plan for the planting projects at the park. If, when and how often to mow the area would be very important to the success of all planting projects.

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**Open Space Report**

S. McNicol was not in attendance to give report

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**Sustainable Kingwood**

The last round of edits for certification will be due by November 25th. M. Tippett will do a final detailed review before final submission. At this point Kingwood Township needs 35 more points to qualify for the bronze level. D. Kratzer stated that she may see if there are any minor changes or updates that can be done to the Natural Resource Management report that will help with Sustainable qualification in 2020.

Ms. Tippett reported that 45 people took advantage of the community discount water testing program this year. She will report back with general result information

Frenchtown is having a talk on Climate Change on November 20th.

Dr. Hans de Kroon will be speaking at Raritan Valley Community College on November 23rd. His presentation is title “Insect Armegeddon” Where Have All the Insects Gone.

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**Luxfer**

G. Ashly Reported that it has been almost 2 years since the MEL meeting that was held December 4, 2018. She and D. Krazter have worked together transcribing the recorded meeting to written
form over this past summer. The copy will be distributed to Environmental Commission members for their input before finalizing the transcript.

Ms. Ashley reviewed an email she had sent to the representative of the MEL project at NJDEP. She did not receive a response so she re-emailed and was finally informed that as of this date MEL is out of compliance with NJDEP requirements. Discussions are being had with their enforcement division. MEL has been pressing for a meeting with NJDEP representatives.

**Penn East Pipeline Update:**
HALT Penn East is having a Pot Luck dinner on November 20th at the Prallsville Mill. All are welcome

Penn East is planning to take their case to the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court chooses to take the case it will be precedent setting.

**Adjournment**
It was moved by Gail Ashley and seconded by Mara Tippett, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM.

All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary