

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday

February 19, 2015 7:15 P.M.

Manchester Township, Municipal Building  
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, N J 08759

Vice Chairperson Di Giore, called the Regular Meeting of the Manchester Township Environmental Commission to order with the following statement. "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and was posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building."  
Time 7:15 P.M.

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call

Robert Runyon	Absent
Michael Di Giore	Present
Bill Foor	Present
William Cook	Present
Marianne Borthwick	Present

Approval of Minutes  
September 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Meetings  
Carried to March meeting

New Business:

Ms. Borthwick discussed Aqua Kids Program, interesting program offers students some wonderful opportunities to be involved and appreciate the marine and aquatic environments. Perhaps we can send info to Manchester schools, get our students involved.

Mr. Foor discussed his daughter's rewarding experience with the MATES she was a part of.

Mr. Cook, will try to get names, after school programs

Mr. Di Giore, agreed this program can offer much to students who are interested, include on our web site.

Illegal Dumping, Mr. Di Giore, NJDEP is cracking down on this, dumping on state lands making great progress, many arrests, result of enforcement actions.

Ms. Borthwick, this is great and long time coming.

Mr. Di Giore, much dumping is a result of contractors not wanting to pay tipping fees

Mr. Cook, we had contractor dumping tailings on Renaissance property.

Good to see enforcement actions. Protecting recreation, wildlife and open space.

Old Business:

Barnegat Bay Estuary Program, Mr. Di Giore, explained this is a part of the National Program. Explained to new members, we were asked few years back to attend a presentation at Town Council meeting. Commission asked to become some what involved with the program. Problem being meetings are in daytime, all of members working at the time. We did what we could, Barnegat Blitz each year, mostly clean ups around town.

Ms. Borthwick, different events on web site and info to schools for student involvement in programs.

Mr. Forr, stated he can make time for meetings, secretary will forward information on to him.

Members Report:

Mr. Di Giore, asked new members to tell board a little about themselves, get to know each other. Both Mr. Foor and Mr. Cook, bring years of knowledge and experience to our board, very happy to have them, Welcome.

Mr. Di Giore discussed some past issues commission has been asked to comment on by the Township, such as problem with bamboo and other invasive plants. We are often asked by the Zoning Board of Adjustment to review and comment on an Environmental Impact Study for an application before them for approval.

Most recently we had the Manchester Recycling Coordinator at our meeting for a presentation and as a result of that it was our suggestion that we include on the Township Mercantile License application the hauler used for their recycling so the coordinator can tract tonnage, enforce recycling and increase fees for the Township. This has started now in 2015

Public Forum:

Open Public Portion:

Hearing none

Public portion closed:

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Borthwick, seconded by Mr. DiGiore meeting was adjourned. All in favor, so be it.

Time: 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Borthwick  
Secretary

