

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 20, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Manchester Township, Municipal Building

1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, N J 08759 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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 7:00 P.M.

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call

Michael Di Giore	Present
Bill Foor	Present
William Cook	Present
Marianne Borthwick	Present

Approval of Minutes

January 19, 2017, Organization & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Di Giore

Roll Call: Mr. Cook-yes, Chairman Di Giore-yes, Mr. Foor-yes, Ms. Borthwick-yes.

New Business: Mr. Di Giore, explained our Earth Day project to the public Shop Rite and sometimes Stop & Shop donate brown grocery bags, we deliver them to the 3 elementary school, students decorate bags with Earth Day themes, save the planet etc.. we return the bags to the stores. Great work shop for the students and the public love to get the bags on Earth Day when shopping.

Mr. Di Giore ,review annual report, copy supplied to members.

Mr. Foor, stated goals for the commission.

Mr. Cook, questioned where are we with geese problem.

Mr. Foor, meeting with the Business Administrator with several concepts, has not heard back yet on any decision.

Ms. Borthwick, discussed recent article about Lakehurst's method using light to deter geese. Lights do not harm the geese, lights interrupt their sleep pattern, copies of article to members. We should register with the state so we can use certain methods with eggs.

Mr. Cook geese pollution major problem, lakes, athletic fields, recreation etc.

Mr. Di Giore, prepared annual report to Mayor, perhaps on Manchester web site. Report attached to minutes.

Did not hear back from ANJEC with suggestions for Natural Resource Inventory update, ANJEC grant not available for this. Possible through Sustainable New Jersey.

Mr. Di Giore, Rowan, software shows wetlands, etc, can't view on his computer. wwnj.map.com, just map.

Old Business: Barnegat Bay Estuary program

Mr. Cook, oysters Netorial Society, oysters are natural filters.

Mr. Floor, oysters challenge pollution, filtration system.

Ms. Borthwick, volunteers needed.

Mr. Cook, have great success with oysters, looking for volunteers.

Reports:

Ms. Borthwick, Township will have free trees for public, gave flyer with information.

Open Public Forum:

Ms. Tish, CWV4, questioned pesticides and fertilizer, ends up in our water. What can we do to prevent this?

Mr. Di Giore, pesticides need commercial license, proper use regulated, state law, use of fertilizer only certain times of the year.

Mr. Cook, Ocean Grove only bio-degradable allowed.

Ms. Borthwick, township discussed certified landscapers, who would monitor such a thing. We do regulate storm water management on development of properties.

Mr. Di Giore education is best solution.

Ms. Middaugh, storm water runoff, does it go into the streams.

Mr. Di Giore, explained development of storm water management, complicated process.

Ms. Middaugh, education is important.

Public portion closed:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Ms. Borthwick

Mr. Di Giore meeting was adjourned. All in favor, so be it.

Time: 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Borthwick
Secretary