

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday

May 15, 2014 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairperson Runyon, 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

Robert Runyon	Present
Michael Di Giore	Present
Donald Somerset	Present
Linda Fazio	Absent
Marianne Borthwick	Present

Approval of Minutes

November 19, 2013

No meeting in December, 2013

January, February, March, April, 2014, weather issues, lack of quorum

New Business:

Cedar Glen West, residents did not attend this meeting, Mr. Runyon explained that about 35 residents attended the March meeting looking for some help with drinking water report they were given by their HOA. They were concerned and worried about the water they were drinking and lack of enough wells to serve the community. We did not have a quorum that evening so would could not have an official meeting, Ms. Borthwick and I allowed residents to speak and we told them we would inform the administration of their problem. Also we gave them information on who and how to contact the NJDEP for information.

Mr. Somerset, summarized what has happened since then, residents believed they were down to one well, that is not the case. NJDEP new permit for new well, back up. Seems to be a communication problem.

Earl Sutton, manager & president of water company, believes they will come back into compliance soon, also has switch to state lab for testing.

Mr. Runyon asked if they are interested in hooking up to Manchester water.

Mr. Somerset, the group yes, years ago CGW was asked by township if they were wanted to hook up, at that time they declined.

We have water there in an emergency for them. We still have issues with capacity.

Ms. Borthwick, I spoke to some of the residents after meeting, they are meeting in homes, gathering information and asking many questions. They did attend the Town Council meeting and discussed their situation. They pleased with help town is offering. We may see them again at our meetings.

Annual Barnegat Bay Festival, Mr. Runyon great event, June 1, Island Heights.

Ms. Borthwick, sent information of event over to schools and also added flyer to our web site for residents to see.

Mr. Runyon great day for families to attend.

Old Business:

Earth Day, April 22nd. was a success again this year, Mr. Runyon thanked Mr. Somerset and Ms. Borthwick for completing the project.

Mr. Somerset, we had a larger student participation this year.

Ms. Borthwick, yes Ridgeway had all the students this year instead of a few grades.

Ms. Borthwick, regarding recycling, we now have included on township's mercantile license application, every business, must list their recycling hauler name and information. This will allow our recycling coordinator to have access to that information to see if they are doing the proper reporting.

Members Report:

Mr. Somerset, reported Planning Board will be considering the request for Re-Development of the Heritage Mineral Site.

Mr. Runyon, questioned if we would be involved, if asked by Planning Board or Administration for comment on environmental issues.

Ms. Borthwick, I can make report available to any member to review, also is on township web site.

Public Forum:

Open Public Portion:

Mr. Runyon explained our Earthday project to public, Ms. Zolezi's daughter in attendance said she had participated in the project in the past, it was a lot of fun.

Michele Zolezi, commented she was very impressed with the knowledge and experience of our members.

She asked if we had any answer regarding Harry Wright Lake, testing bad sometimes and no swimming allowed, is this a serious problem.

Mr. Runyon explained this is a problem with most lakes, run off into lake, mostly after rain. Testing is done always so public is alerting not to swim until tested again and results are good.

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

Time: 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Borthwick
Secretary