

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Thursday, August 16, 2018
Manchester Township Municipal Building
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Middaugh 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: 6:00 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

William Cook	Present
William Foor	Present
David Kiernan	Present
Peggy Middaugh	Present
Rory Wells	Present, arrived after roll call

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve June 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes by Mr. Foor, seconded by Mr. Kiernan.

Roll call vote: Mr. Foor, Mr. Kiernan, Ms. Middaugh; yes. Mr. Cook abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Outreach Announcements

The Environmental Commission can now be contacted via email at the following email address:
environmentalcommission@manchestertwp.com

Project documents reviewed by the Environmental Commission will now be posted under the link “Environmental Commission Project Documents” on the website.

www.manchestertwp.com/committees/environmental-commission/

NJDEP 2018 Water Quality Restoration Grants

Ms. Middaugh asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include NJDEP 2018 Water Quality Restoration Grants under new business. Mr. Cook made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Mr. Foor. **Roll call vote:** Mr. Cook, Mr. Foor, Mr. Kiernan, Mr. Wells, Ms. Middaugh; yes. Motion carried.

Manchester Township Pine Lake Restoration Grant

Ms. Karen Argenti, Whiting resident and member of Save Barnegat Bay (SBB) Board of Directors was invited to approach the Board to discuss a proposal that she put together on behalf of Manchester Township for the 2018 NJDEP Water Quality Restoration Grant Program. The project, the Pine Lake Watershed Restoration Plan, will take approximately 15 months to

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complete. The goal of the project is to protect, restore and enhance the natural resources connected to Pine Lake, including Barnegat Bay, and to manage stormwater runoff. Applications are due August 31, 2018.

Ms. Argenti requested a letter of support from the Environmental Commission for the Pine Lake Restoration grant project. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mr. Foor.

Roll call vote: Mr. Cook, Mr. Foor, Mr. Kiernan, Mr. Wells, Ms. Middaugh; yes.

Save Barnegat Bay (SBB) Grants

Ms. Argenti requested a letter of support from the Environmental Commission for two grant applications being submitted by SBB:

- 1) Stormwater Public Education (NEMO) grant to develop materials to educate the public about stormwater; and
- 2) Bay Friendly Stewardship Program (Smart Yard / Healthy Bay) grant, to develop a single comprehensive Barnegat Bay friendly message to engage municipalities, businesses and schools.

Motion to approve Ms. Argenti's request to provide letters of support for the NEMO and Smart Yard/ Healthy Bay grants by Mr. Foor, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Roll call vote: Mr. Cook, Mr. Foor, Mr. Wells, Mr. Keirnan, Ms. Middaugh; yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heritage Minerals Site Tours

Mr. Cook: I was impressed with the tour. Mr. Pagenkopf seems to have a strategic plan and is addressing all of the state's concerns. The area has to be cleaned regardless of if they build 4,000 homes on it.

Mr. Kiernan: The tailing area is a very large area to remediate. Seems like they are taking the necessary steps to clean it up.

Mr. Foor: This was the second time going on a tour of Heritage Minerals; it was nice to refresh. The area is very beautiful and if done properly, the town will have a valuable resource out there.

Mr. Wells: Pretty land, desert like. They are accountable to the state and Mr. Pagenkopf seemed very open. It is a big project that will continue for eight years. I wonder if there is enough security out there. It is an enticing site. There were burnt cars left there on the property. Mr. Pagenkopf gets alerted every time somebody goes through the entrance, but nothing is done about it.

Mr. Kiernan: There were two cop cars there when we went on our tour.

Ms. Middaugh: It was an impressive site and they have a sophisticated clean-up plan that the NJDEP is overseeing. It is beyond my level of expertise to understand just how well. When it does come to the final stage, the town or someone in the name of the town should hire a consultant to oversee that the work has been done correctly.

OC Landfill Tour

The Environmental Commission will tour the OC Landfill on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Manchester Green Team

Ms. Middaugh: Manchester is a certified Bronze level town, but our Green Team is not currently active. I had a meeting with Joe Veni, the head of the Manchester Green Team, and he would like to reconvene the Green Team. I agreed to serve and Mr. Veni asked me to open it up to other Environmental Commissioners. Meetings will be once a month. As time goes on, they will meet less frequently. The Green Team earns Sustainable Jersey points for each environmental friendly project /activity which opens up more grant possibilities. I have already committed to a project to get an electric vehicle charge station in town.

Ms. Middaugh asked if any of the Commission members were interested in joining the Green Team. Mr. Foor is interested and willing to attend the meetings. Mr. Wells can't commit to it at the moment, but maybe in the future.

Mr. Foor: My interest lies in helping the township put a Master Plan together.

Plastics Ban

The Environmental Commission is awaiting the outcome of State legislation in regard to the plastics ban. The hearing will be held Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 10:00 am at the State House.

Rt. 37 Retail Development

Due to another threatened and endangered species being found on the potential development site (the Barred Owl), the LOI was amended and the biological resource classification has been changed to exceptional resource value. This affects Jaylin Holding's ability to go forward with their current plan.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Wells recently went on a Norwegian cruise and was pleasantly surprised by how "green" it was. They encouraged passengers to reuse towels and there weren't straws on the ship. A lot of companies are moving in this direction.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Mr Foor found out from the Planning Board there isn't anything in the statute that supports or precludes charging stations in Manchester. The only concern that was raised was the fact that it must be done carefully so the township wouldn't have any liability for overcharging vehicles which is a very technically solvable problem. While looking for sample legislation, Mr. Foor came across a Jersey City ordinance relating to parking spaces for charging stations. The chief engineer is very willing to go forward. Manchester would need an amendment to the land use ordinance that would permit accessory use in certain areas.

Mr. Kiernan: A shopping mall would be an ideal location.

Mr. Cook saw charging stations in Beach Haven that seemed to be standalone.

Mr. Foor: We can send a memo to the Planning Board suggesting that we take this on.

Ms. Middaugh: I will put something together before the October Planning Board meeting.

Annual Pinelands Orientation 7/24/18

Ms. Middaugh attended a training class at Pinelands Commission and encourages all to check out upcoming classes.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Frank Stavalo IV, 12 Charles Avenue, Summit Park Neighborhood Watch: I have lived in Manchester for 41 years and have been out to Sarco (Heritage Minerals) many times. The problem is it's the best place to ride in the area. There are four entrances from Summit Park. The neighborhood is getting better, there are cameras and Manchester police are very responsive. I think the camera needs to be angled a little more toward the road. People enter the site behind the new Wawa in Toms River. That side is not patrolled at all. Toms River police do not care and it is out of Manchester's jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Foor, meeting was adjourned.

All in favor, motion carried.

Time: 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary