

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Thursday, January 10, 2019

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: 6:10 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

William Cook	Present
David Kiernan	Present
Peggy Middaugh	Present
Rory Wells	Present
William Foor	Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve December 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Plastic Ban

In light of the recent lobbying against the statewide ban of plastic bags, the Environmental Commissioners discussed taking a stand in support of the ban. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve an interoffice memo be sent to the Mayor and Council requesting they pass a resolution supporting the plastic ban, seconded by Ms. Middaugh. **Roll call vote:** Mr. Cook, Mr. Wells, Mr. Kiernan, Ms. Middaugh; yes. Motion carried.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Ms. Middaugh is meeting with Save Barnegat Bay to discuss the details of the upcoming Rain Barrel Workshop which will take place in the Civic Center at Town Hall on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm. She will have more information at the next meeting

Applications for Development Process

Ms. Middaugh will meet with Planning Board Secretary Marianne Borthwick to discuss the Application for Development process and how the Environmental Commission can play a bigger role in this process. Mr. Cook stated that once the application comes in, it goes to the engineer who determines completeness. He thinks it would be a good idea to request that the Environmental Commission receive a copy of the application when it is sent to the engineer so the Commission has more time to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MEMBER REPORTS:

Plastics Awareness Campaign

Mr. Wells will draft a year-long outreach project which will consist of making suggestions and requesting action from residents in the community, businesses and churches, and local government. Mr. Cook suggested that Mr. Wells contact ANJEC for guidance. Mr. Wells will have a drafted plan for the other Commissioners to review in the coming months.

Mr. Cook suggested that as part of their campaign they ask the school(s) to host a cellphone recycling day.

The Commissioners discussed the recycling of motor oil, batteries and light bulbs. It is not clear what is to be done with these items. Mr. Kiernan stated that in the lobby there is a receptacle for prescription drugs, and wonders if something like that could be set up for batteries.

Goals & Objectives for 2019

The Commissioners agreed to think about Goals & Objectives for 2019 to discuss at the next meeting, 2/14/19.

Ms. Middaugh suggested one of the goals be to have somebody come to a meeting and give a presentation about recycling.

Mr. Cook suggested another goal could be giving credit to Hollywood Deli, a local environmentally friendly, plastic-free deli.

Rutgers Environmental Steward Program

Last year, Ms. Middaugh graduated from the Rutgers Environmental Steward Program, a 20-week training program offered at locations throughout New Jersey. A Rutgers Environmental Steward is a volunteer trained in important environmental issues affecting New Jersey, and works to solve local community problems. For more information, please visit <http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/>.

PUBLIC FORM:

Frank Stavalo, 12 Charles Ave., advised the Commissioners and the public that batteries should be taped when thrown away to prevent them from coming into contact with other terminals, batteries or metal objects.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Wells, meeting was adjourned. All in favor, motion carried.

Time: 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary