

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Thursday, July 11, 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: 6:00 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

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| Peggy Middaugh       | Present |
| David Kiernan        | Present |
| Genevieve Stavallo   | Present |
| William Foor         | Present |
| William Cook         | Present |
| Mary Demarest-Paraan | Present |
| Rory Wells           | Absent  |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**June 13, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve June 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes by Mr. Kiernan, seconded by Ms. Middaugh.

**Roll call vote:** Mr. Kiernan, Ms. Middaugh, Ms. Stavallo; yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Redevelopment Investigation – Block 44, Lot 15.01**

Ms. Middaugh: A study of the old asphalt plant was done to determine if it was an area in need of redevelopment.

Mr. Foor: The parcel met all the criteria.

Ms. Middaugh: The cleanup is expected to end 2027. We will keep an eye on this project.

**Route 571 Sewer Main Extension**

Mr. Cook: This is a big expansion from Whitesville all the way down to Jackson.

Mr. Foor: It is for several multi-family developments in Jackson. The project is moving slowly, it was originally submitted a couple years ago. The whole area is forested, they will need to clear cut. There isn't an environmental assessment yet. The re-zoning of the area was approved. I will forward any information I get about it from the Planning Board as it comes in.

**Dollar Tree – Block 86, Lot 2.04**

Ms. Middaugh: This is a proposed development in Whiting on Route 530, Lacey Road between the First Aid Station and Rite Aid. Karen Argenti and I spoke against it when it went in front of the Planning Board. It is close to a public well. There are buildings right next door, why can they not use them? Manchester has so many empty storefronts. I encourage everyone to come be vocal about this. Also, it is on a treacherous stretch of road where there are no sidewalks and it is on a curve.

Mr. Foor: There isn't a whole lot the Planning Board can do if they own the property. It could be challenged if it goes against the master plan.

Ms. Middaugh: Let's think creatively about this. Maybe incentives for using empty storefronts can be given.

Mr. Foor: The governing body would be responsible for giving incentives.

**AC Electric – Vegetative & Structural Maintenance**

Ms. Middaugh: I'm not sure why we received notification of this project, it is not in our territory. Maybe we received by mistake.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Scheduling of Educational Presentation on Recycling**

Ms. Middaugh: Manchester's Recycling Coordinator, Ray Sloan, and Gary Sondermeyer from Bayshore Recycling have agreed to come give recycling presentations. Gary is very knowledgeable on the large issues of recycling and what to expect in the future. We would like to encourage students to come, so I think late September / early October would be best. The presentations will be in addition to our regularly scheduled meetings.

**Manchester Water Storage Tank CAFRA App.**

The Commission decided to save the request for permeable pavement for the parking lot for a bigger project.

**Plastics Awareness Campaign**

Mr. Wells will update the Commission on the campaign next month.

**Manchester Day 2019**

The Commission had a table at Manchester Day. Ms. Demarest-Paran brought her electric vehicle and her husband, Ben, brought his electric bike. They handed out a lot of flyers and promoted the monthly Environmental Commission meetings.

**MEMBER REPORT:**

Ms. Middaugh went to the Manchester Green Team meeting last week. The Girl Scouts want to do rain garden project at the fire station.

Mr. Kiernan asked the other Commissioners if they had any details about the solar farm. Mr. Cook responded that there is talk of putting a solar farm over the old landfill in Whiting.

**PUBLIC FORM:**

Kathleen, Whiting Resident from the Ocean County Sierra Club: I agree the proposed Dollar Tree is a dangerous area. Is there any update on Heritage Minerals?

Ms. Middaugh: It's on hold for now. The NJDEP denied Hovson's application and they are appealing it.

Kathleen: I will make an announcement to the Sierra Club about your recycling event. You all are welcome to come to our meetings any time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Time: 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee  
Commission Secretary