

Minutes
Environmental Commission Meeting
Township of Monroe
April 18th, 2016

The Meeting of the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Keen in the 2nd Floor Board of Health Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex at 7:10PM

Roll Call

Present: Sandy Keen, Jenn Longo, Beth Davis, Tim McWilliams, Jenn Lewis Gallagher, Frank Caligiuri

ABSENT

Patrick McDevitt

MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted Motioned by Jenn Lewis Gallagher 2nd by Beth Davis All in favor.

PUBLIC:

Sandy asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public, and the motion was made by Beth and 2nd by Tim. All were in favor and none were opposed. No public portion

REPORTS:

Tim McWilliams – Clean up on this past Saturday (5/16) flagged trees along Path of Hope that need trimming/removal. TM must do Capstone Project for graduation, edible trees/plants. A letter will be drafted and sent to MTPS building principals.

Beth Davis - Checked into ANJEC membership and verified before 3/5 workshop. 2016 Membership fees are \$300 plus \$60 for workshop plan. All has been updated.

FB page was created for the EC

Web page is being designed to attach link to Township page.

Green Communities Grant is up to \$3000 Form just needs to be completed. Going for max allowed.

Planning on doing inventory using iTree. Risk management plan for addressing liability.

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Do we make recommendations to developers on what to plant? Rain gardens should also be used by developers.

Sustainable Monroe for Patrick McDevitt by Beth Davis - Sustainability Summit in June

The mayors of Monroe Twp, Washington Twp and Marlton were in attendance at the meeting on 3/31 at Racks. Sustainable NJ Rep stated that our HUB was a model program.

Frank Caligiuri – Planning Board~210 B Main Street to become an apartment again, 1480 N Tuckahoe Daycare on hold, Tuckahoe & Butler 26 single Family homes (concerns are traffic issues)

4H Power Point Presentation for 4H monies needed ~need to address Gloucester County representatives. MUA & Township will support. ADA bathroom facilities, well and restoration of septic system is needed at total cost of around \$250,000 Need separate cost estimate for well digging since our grant is only for the well. County Clerk needs to be contacted to set up presentation.

Jenn Lewis-Gallagher – ANJEC application submitted, should be notified by 5/6. Meeting w/BOE on 5/16. Grant being written for \$1500. Earth Day is this week, should reach out to schools to make sure it is being acknowledged. HG is having “Walk to school Safe Routes to School” in the month of May.

Sandy Keen – Web page needs to be created. Beth said she would do this and get it to Kevin Hiedel so it may be linked to the township page. It is coming along per Beth.

Historical Society is hosting a Tea Party, Car Show and Craft Show on 5/21 The Herbal garden by the fountain will be completed.

ERI-Update Needs to be amended and updated. Send to Kevin Heidel. Beth will email copies to all.

Still looking for teachers in the Elementary Schools for Green Ribbons/Project Learning Tree

Green Ribbons-Spoke with Mr Earling regarding mold & water issues. Would like to set up meeting with Mr Earling, myself & Jenn Lewis Gallagher.

Path of Hope is covered in Poison Ivy. Must be addressed.

BUDGET-What is our current budget? Will contact Kevin Heidel. Last year ANJEC & Shade Tree Commission Request to increase budget w/letter. JLG will draft the letter for the 4/19 meeting. In past monies have been used for printed materials (cards,pamphlets) , conferences.

Music Fair would like to host table (June 4th) Motion to accept Sandy Keen, All in favor.

Open Space-all monies have been going to maintenance of parks and open space. Need report on where the money is being spent.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Sandy Keen asked for a motion to adjourn. Jenn made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting on April 18th, 2016 at 9:10PM and the motion was seconded by Jenn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Longo, Secretary

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the hand written and audio taped notes of the Regular Environmental Protection Meeting of April 18th, 2016 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____

Approved as corrected _____ Date _____