

Minutes
Environmental Commission Meeting
Township of Monroe

July 21st, 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 7:05PM

Roll Call

Present: Sandy Keen, Jenn Longo, Frank Caligiuri, Beth Davis, Patrick McDevitt, Tim Williams, Aden Maskery, Joe Brunelle

ABSENT

Jenn Lewis Gallagher

PLEDGE

MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC PORTION

Reports

Patrick McDevitt

Open Space~no meeting due to lack of membership

Sustainable Monroe~Submit paperwork to have town certified under Sustainable NJ. November is final dates to meet criteria.

South Jersey towns participating in an electricity guild. Info being sent to council. There is also an app. available to track community issues EX: trash, lights out, etc.

Green Fair Training Event: set up with Park & Rec

Need to set up Carbon Foot Print with municipality and set baseline.

Live streaming of Counsel Meetings and can be replayed at a later date.

We should consider using a Drop Box for all EC files. Google Drive?

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Meetings are not listed correctly on Township Website

Sandy Keen

Welcome to our 2 NEW members Aden Maskery and Joe Brunelle

Green Ribbons program still trying to implement in elementary schools by September. DECA students from WHS will do the classroom audits. At this time HG is going forward with this program.

We also receive free education from River Shed Management . Trying to educate K-12, want to focus on all students.

Perma Gardens~Need to be implemented at 1 school to start, study and then decide to move into others

2 Rain barrels needed for existing gardens at each school

Need to obtain use of WHS auditorium to host a community and influential presentation. This will assist us with grants and financing from Town/County/State. Let's shoot for the end of August Power Point Presentation~4H Sandy and Beth is putting together PP for grants and funding from Township/County for wells & ADA Bathrooms. Cheerleaders & Boy Scouts are using property. This is also being used for educational purposes. Connect 4H to school programs. This need to be able to use for recreational purposes once it is done. Education~ Need to educate students and community about forestry.

Workshop meeting on 8/1 at Sandy's house 7pm to see planning board plans. Site plans need to be approved by EC within 10 days.

Frank Caligiuri

Planning Board~6 applications to board. 34 BHP Tire tread repair, no waste product except small bits of rubber. 1480 BHP Add Daycare. 1030 N Main Street Re-Development plan for a Micro Brewery.

Sidewalks will now be required instead of monetary fee from developers. Ordinance has changed.

LLR was granted an extension to build on approved site plans.

Smithfield Estates applied for extension and was approved.

Mixed use development at Main & BHP will be part of redevelopment ~ Residential & Commercial

Walmart was NOT granted a tax abatement.

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Beth Davis

Working on Web Page ~ 5 free pages Created a logo for EC (Home, About US, Events, Contact Us)

Submission for Sustainable Monroe used Buy Fresh Buy Here campaign

Tree protection Ordinance ~How do we get this adopted? (Frank suggested meeting with town planner)

4H~ Green Infastucture-Hammonton.

Tree Grant-CFMP need Accomplishment Report Form, Need Forestry Report? Protection & Liability Matt Simon offered assistance. Grant~papers need to be filed, need update from Kevin(leaf p/u, trees cut & planted) Forestry education is needed.

Green Communities grant application~completed and printed, will bring to Kevin for his part to be completed.

Tim Williams

4H~ will be mapping out with GPS and clearing the trails

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Sandy Keen motioned to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting on July 21st, 2016 at 8:45PM Beth Davis 2nd the motion. All in favor.

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 June 20th, 2016 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____

Approved as corrected _____ Date _____