

Minutes
Environmental Commission Meeting
Township of Monroe

August 15th, 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, Frank Caligiuri, Beth Davis, Patrick McDevitt, Tim Williams, Joe Brunelle, Matthew Scardino

ABSENT

Jenn Lewis Gallagher, Tim Williams, Aden Maskery, Margie Neal

PLEDGE

MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Suzanne Mccarthy

PUBLIC PORTION

ERI Discussion with Suzanne McCarthy

ERI Update. Need money, cost is approx. \$12,000 Funding? Needs to be completed by engineer. Sandy spoke with Tim Cornan & Chris Raymond. DVRP cost is \$12,000. Municipal Planning Format-water quality standards pulled from DEP data, tabled and graphed. Template explains different info-pulled from DEP.

EC needs to guide and work along side professional to create ERI.

Without the status of resources, how do you protect them? Township needs to understand and needs to get findings.

ERI needs to be updated every 10years, previously done by Tim Cornan.

Water Basins are considered open space. *Residential Site Improvement Standard-township needs to be update/upgrade their standards so developers are responsible for creating better basins.

Storm water management plan is supposed to be provided but not upholding standards. Basins need to be added to ERI

Jason Herron (4H) Director of land use management & Fish/Wildlife Will allow a trail to be cut to use for stream monitoring.

Must be given to Kevin Heidel to get cost from DVRP, and quotes from private engineers for ERI.

Add historical, Indian trails, etc for township. EC does the foot work then gives to whom ever does ERI.

Open Space plan is used to designate what is needed for use. There is an Open Space tax (25%) used for maintenance, the money should be used for Open Space acquisition/purchases.

Mazur gave a quote of \$10,000-\$12,000 for both ERI and Open Space Plan.

Both ERI and Open Space need to be added to Master Plan. But legislation needs to be passed to make both more effective.

Update ERI and see if funds can be allocated in October 2016

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Basins-Storm water management needs to be addressed for existing and new basins, by developers.
HOW DO WE CHANGE OUR STANDARDS? Contact Engineer. Take to counsel, they will recommend to Planning Brd, then it is voted on and adopted.

Reports

Patrick McDevitt

Open Space~Some controversy at meeting. I am a member not a liason. Trying to update paln and get it added to Master Plan.

Matt Scardino

Rte 322-Car Dealership/Office Building- Basin being added. Buffering/Planting on residential side. Will be fenced.

Beth Davis

Green Forestry Grant has been submitted need to update CFMP with grant.

Money Question? Could ERI & Open Space be combined to save . Produce one document instead of 2. ERI is an inventory and Open Space is a manual.

Basins- State of NJ legislation Milkweed for Monarchs utilizes public/private planting of milkweed in the basins. Must investigate the pros/cons.

Green Fair October 1, 2016 at Pfeiffer Center EC to do Rain Barrel Raffle and Storm Water Education. Do handouts and Rocky Raccoon. Eagle scouts can possibly do a presentation. Girl Scouts can host a table with info on Pasta Night. Tim could do a set up on Shade tree Commission.

Sandy Keen

Stream assessment moving forward and “selling” to schools.

Boy Scouts have been farming the veggie garden. May need reassessment of maintenance of the gardens.

Historical Society needs to be more involved with the EC

Pasta Night at WMS- Vegies from garden are used. All cooking, serving, etc is done by Girls Scouts. They earn a badge for this.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Sandy Keen motioned to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting on August 15th, 2016 at 9:15PM Matt Scardino 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Longo, Secretary

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the hand written of the Regular Environmental Protection Meeting of August 15th, 2016 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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