

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 18, 2020**

By way of electronic communication/live streaming, the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 7:00PM by Chairman, Ryan Rebozo. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Ryan Rebozo led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kathleen Flaherty, Christine Gorham, Joseph Mahoney, Ryan Rebozo, Jennifer Rutter, Matthew Scardino, Katie Seeley, Melissa Young,

Absent: April Scales, Cncl. Cody Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting. Matthew Scardino made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of February 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by Melissa Young and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the May 18, 2020 meeting. Kathleen Flaherty made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 18, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Matthew Scardino.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Email Correspondence**

Ryan reported that he has received two emails, one regarding Wastequip and an air quality inspection and the other was regarding Peach Country, neither of which are action items for the Commission. Ryan will follow up with Zoning Officer Tara Park on both items.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Tree Ordinance**

Ryan polled the members present for approval to send the proposed Ordinance to Council to which everyone agreed. Ryan is going to email a copy of the proposed Ordinance to Cncl. Miller to bring to Council.

- **Drainage Basin Management**

Kathleen Flaherty provided the members via email, with a detention basin handout that she has been working on to review. Ryan said, he would like to see some more South Jersey specifics included. He offered to help with some of the language and text for the handout. A discussion followed regarding what the members would like to see in the handout and ideas for distribution once the handout is completed. Melissa asked about working with Public Works on the basins. Secretary, Jenn Harbison will invite someone from Public Works to attend the Commission's next meeting on June 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

• **ERI Update**

Ryan explained that he is keeping the ERI update on the Agenda as a discussion item. He said, it would be nice to start updating the ERI section by section, which will ultimately help guide the Master Plan.

• **Social Media**

Melissa said, there is nothing new to report regarding Social Media. Christine noted, she has been regularly posting links to workshops, ANJEC series of movies and other information that she comes across to the Commission Facebook page. Ryan and Kate will send any relevant links that they find to Christine to post.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Melissa asked what the plans were for the newly acquired property on Sykes Lane. Ryan will touch base with Cncl. O'Reilly for an update on the plans for the property and report back at the next meeting. Christine offered to send a proactive letter to the Open Space Advisory Committee to share the Commission's thoughts and ideas for the property. Secretary, Jenn Harbison suggested that a member from the Commission try and attend the next Open Space Advisory Committee to discuss the property. A discussion followed about ideas the members would like to see implemented at the property.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ryan stated, the Public Notice posted on Thursday, May 14, 2020 advised members of the public to submit comments by email to the secretary Jenn Harbison, at jharbison@monroetownshipnj.org by 3:00PM the day of the meeting, May 18, 2020. No comments were submitted. Kathleen Flaherty made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Christine Gorham and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to adjourn. Christine Gorham made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of May 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Melissa Young and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission meeting is Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of May 18, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____