

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JUNE 15, 2020**

By way of electronic communication/live streaming, the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 7:09 PM 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, Matthew Scardino, Ryan Rebozo, Jennifer Rutter, April Scales, and Katie Seeley

Absent: Christine Gorham, Joseph Mahoney, Melissa Young and Cncl. Cody Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting. Kathleen Flaherty made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of May 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Matthew Scardino and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the June 15, 2020 meeting. Kathleen Flaherty made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Rutter.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Email Correspondence**

Ryan noted that there was nothing new to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Drainage Basin Management**

There was a discussion among the members present regarding the drainage basins within the Township. Ryan noted that he will prepare a list of questions after the meeting to send to the Director of Public Works.

- **Bike Path Property**

Ryan mentioned that he and Christine have been talking with the Open Space Advisory Committee Chairman, Len Fritz regarding the property. Len has advised that the property is in the hands of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Environmental Protection Commission with the Council deferring to the Committees for their input and recommendations. Ryan and Christine are planning on attending the next Open Space Advisory Committee meeting. He invited all members to attend the meeting if they are available.

- **Sustainable Communities Grant**

Ryan and Patrick McDevitt from Sustainable Monroe took part in a webinar regarding the Sustainable Communities Grant. It is a grant program funded by Atlantic City Electric divided into two categories, resiliency and environmental steward. Anything the Commission may be interested in will fall under the environmental steward category. They offer \$5,000 grants with an application deadline of July 16, 2020.

Ryan feels this grant is something the Commission should apply for. Kate asked what is needed in order to qualify for the grants. Ryan explained, qualifying is basically for Green Teams and Environmental Commissions with a relatively simple application which outlines the scope of the project. Ryan noted, he would like to create a functional pollinator meadow somewhere along the bike path and use the grant money to fund that project. Kate suggested maybe an educational board that could be placed at the beginning of the bike path. He asked the members to give thought to a possible project that they would like to see the grant money applied to and follow up with him by email within a few days so that he could discuss the ideas with Patrick McDevitt and start the application process.

- **Composting**

Ryan talked about possible composting in the Township. He will add this to the list of questions he is preparing for Public Works. A discussion followed regarding what the members would like to see with composting in the Township and the neighboring towns who offer composting. Kate suggested keeping this on future agendas.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Native Plant Ordinance**

Ryan has forwarded the Draft Ordinance to Cncl. Miller for Council to review.

- **Social Media**

This was tabled until the July meeting as Melissa and Christine are both running point on the Commission's Social Media.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to adjourn. April Scales made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of June 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Matthew Scardino 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, July 20, 2020 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of June 15, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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