

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA**

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2020 meeting. Matt Scardino made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of August 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by April Scales and approved by all members of the Committee.

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the September 21, 2020 meeting. Katie Seeley made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 21, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Matt Scardino and approved by all members of the Committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Email Correspondence**

Ryan had no new email correspondence to share.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **New Council Liaison**

Ryan spoke to Cncl. O'Reilly, who advised that a new Council Liaison for the Commission will probably not be appointed until after the Election in November. In the meantime, Cncl. O'Reilly will help out and advise the Commission if needed.

- **Native Plant Ordinance**

Secretary, Jenn Harbison advised that Cncl. O'Reilly updated Council at the September Ordinance Committee Meeting that Mr. Kernan, the Township Planner, is reviewing the Model Ordinance along with Solicitor Trimble.

- **Bike Path Property**

Secretary, Jenn Harbison noted that the Open Space Advisory Committee September meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum, so there is no update on the bike path property at this time.

- **Drainage Basin Project**

Kate Flaherty spoke regarding the Tri-Fold she forwarded to everyone prior to the meeting for review. She noted that she has placed some of the Commission's ideas, important information and pictures into the tri-fold, but she would like to see more naturalized basin pictures and information included. Kate asked for everyone's input on what they would like to see placed into the tri-fold. Ryan advised that according to the response he

received from Public Works, the Township maintains between 60 and 65 basins throughout the township but there are other basins that are maintained by private HOA organizations. A discussion followed regarding possible information to include in the tri-fold, such as: the need for continued mowing, basic basin maintenance, yearly required standards and the need to educate the public regarding the basins.

Ryan read aloud the response he received from Public Works concerning the questions he had submitted on behalf of the Commission.

- **Composting**

According to the response received from Public Works, composting is currently not available, however there have been several conversations involving some form of implantation. The Township’s vegetative policy consists of leaf pickups which are transported to various farms on a daily basis. Glass clippings, tree limbs and brush are also picked up and delivered to approved vegetative recycling centers. Kate noted that composting is a big project and suggested that the Commission not start this project until they complete the basin project.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Social Media**

Ryan stated that there was nothing new to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to adjourn. Melissa Young made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of September 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Matthew Scardino and approved by all members of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission meeting is Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of September 21, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_