

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 19, 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, Ryan Rebozo, April Scales, Matthew Scardino, Katie Seeley, Melissa Young and Cncl. Carolann Fox

Absent: Christine Gorham, Joseph Mahoney and Jennifer Rutter

Ryan welcomed Cncl. Carolann Fox as the new Council Liaison and brought her up to speed on what the Environmental Protection Commission has been and is currently working on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting. Matt Scardino made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of September 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Katie Seeley and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the October 19, 2020 meeting. Matt Scardino made a motion to approve the agenda for the October 19, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by April Scales and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Email Correspondence**

Ryan had no new email correspondence to share.

NEW BUSINESS

Ryan advised that the Commission's November meeting will be his last meeting, as he will be moving out of State for his job. As Vice-Chairperson, Kate Flaherty will take charge of the Commission's December meeting and the Commission will appoint a new Chairperson in January at their re-organization meeting.

- **Native Plant Ordinance**

Ryan mentioned, he has not received much of an update with regards to Council's position on the Native Plant Ordinance. He will make it a point to follow up with Cncl. O'Reilly before he finishes his time with the Commission. Ryan updated Cncl. Fox on how and why the Native Plant Ordinance was created.

- **Drainage Basin Project**

Kate has distributed the updated tri-fold to the members of the Commission prior to this evening's meeting for review. Kate noted, she has incorporated some of the information that was shared at the last meeting and she noted she has made some more room for pictures and content. Kate and Melissa updated Cncl. Fox on the Drainage Basin Project that the Commission is working on. A discussion followed regarding obtaining pictures for the tri-fold. Ryan spoke regarding possible available grant money that is available from the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association. He will forward the contact information to the members of the Commission for follow-up in the future.

- **Bike Path Property**

Cncl. Fox updated the Commission on the Open Space Advisory Committee's plans for the property. Secretary, Jenn Harbison suggested at the Commission's re-organization meeting in January, appointing a member to serve on the Open Space Advisory Committee as the Environmental Protection Commission liaison.

- **Composting**

Ryan will follow up with Public Works and update the members of the Commission with their response.

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. Kate Flaherty made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of October 19, 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, November 16, 2020 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of October 19, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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