

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
NOVEMBER 16, 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, Katie Seeley, Melissa Young and Cncl. Carolann Fox

Absent: Matthew Scardino

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting. Melissa Young made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of October 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by April Scales and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Ryan Rebozo asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the November 16, 2020 meeting. Kate Flaherty made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 16, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Melissa Young and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Email Correspondence**

Ryan explained the two emails that he received from the Pinelands Commissions concerning an applicant in need of additional Pinelands Development Credits and one concerning a Wetland violation. Ryan stated he does not understand how the Township handles these situations and suggested that in 2021, the Commission research how the Township maintains deed restrictions and violations. Melissa said she would like to see this listed as an action item for the Commission for 2021. A discussion followed regarding deed restrictions and the enforcement of violations.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Native Plant Ordinance**

Ryan mentioned, he has not received any update with regards to Council's position on the Native Plant Ordinance. Cncl. Fox stated that the Township's Solicitor and Planner are currently in the process of reviewing the Ordinance. She is unaware of any initial concerns and will report back with any updates.

- **Drainage Basin Project**

Kate distributed an updated tri-fold to the members of the Commission prior to this evening's meeting for review. She noted, she is looking for pictures, maybe an artistic picture of a basin, to include throughout the tri-fold and the cover which will help grab the resident's interest. Melissa asked about the Commission's logo and possibly including that. She will contact the printer that was used previously for the Commission's banner. A discussion followed regarding the tri-fold and where to include pictures and the logo to best entice the readers.

- **Bike Path Property**

Ryan noted there is nothing new to report with regards to the Bike Path Property. Secretary, Jenn Harbison mentioned that the Open Space Advisory Committee’s last meeting had been cancelled, so she is unaware of any new updates.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Social Media**

Ryan stated that there was nothing new to report. Kate suggested posting end of the year questions, to help engage the public. Possibly asking “what local state forest or park have you visited this year” or “how have you reduced waste”. Christine said, she will put together some questions to post on the Commission’s Facebook page.

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 November 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Kate Flaherty 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, December 21, 2020 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of November 16, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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