

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 21, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission was called to order by Chairperson Dan Kozak at 6:32pm in the 2nd Floor Joe Pace Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Dan Kozak led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Bundi, Anthony Derieux, Dan Kozak and Cncl. Steve McKinney

NOMINATIONS AND LIAISONS

Dan Kozak advised that the Mayor has appointed him as the Chairperson, as that is a Mayor appointment.

Dan explained the need for a Vice-Chairperson, asking who would like to hold the position for this year. Anthony Bundi volunteered to serve as Vice-Chairperson, to which Anthony Derieux agreed.

Dan advised that he currently serves on the Planning Board, so he will serve as the liaison to the Planning Board. Anthony Bundi agreed that since he serves on the Open Space Advisory Committee, he will serve as the liaison to the Open Space Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA

Anthony Derieux made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2021 meeting, since he is the only current member who served on the Commission in 2021, there was no need for a second to the motion to approve.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2020 & Commission Attendance Policy**

Dan spoke regarding the 2022 Schedule of Meeting Dates, noting in the past when he previously served on the Commission, the Commission did not hold meetings in the summer months, June, July and August, unless something came up. He suggested revising the meeting schedule to remove the June, July and August meeting dates, to which everyone was in agreeance with. Dan asked for a motion to approve the revised 2022 Schedule of Meeting Dates. Anthony Bundi made a motion to approve the revised 2022 Schedule of Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Anthony Derieux.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan explained that the Commission is simply an advisory board, who make recommendations to the Mayor, Council and the Planning Board. He brought the members up to speed on how the Commission was run in the past when he served on the Commission and the various projects it was a part of, showing some of the “giveaways” they used to pass out to the residents at various events.

A discussion followed regarding possibly having a table set up at the upcoming Music Fest. Dan suggested waiting until more members are appointed to the Commission before committing to host a table at one of the community events.

Dan noted that the Commission had also been a part of the Shade Tree Commission and Tree City USA.

Dan suggested as a project to get the Commission off and running this year, that the Commission research having a bike rack installed at the municipal building and present the idea to Mayor and Council for approval, to which the members agreed. He noted, with the rising gas prices, more people may begin riding their bikes around town on their errands. He showed the members a catalog with a few types of bike racks. A discussion followed regarding the bike rack. Cncl. McKinney noted, he will present the idea to the Mayor and Council.

Anthony Derieux spoke regarding the bike path and how the Commission had discussed various projects for the bike path with the Open Space Advisory Committee last year. A discussion followed regarding the bike path.

As an additional project for the Commission, Dan suggested that later in the year, the Commission could begin researching electronic vehicle charging stations, which will help get the Township "EV" ready. A discussion followed regarding the charging stations, the cost associated with the stations, various grants that are available for the charging stations, and where they could be located.

Dan asked the members for any suggestions of projects they would like to see the Commission work on.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Anthony Bundi made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Anthony Derieux. With no one from the public present and/or wishing to speak, Anthony Bundi made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Anthony Derieux.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Dan Kozak asked for a motion to adjourn. Anthony Derieux made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Reorganization Commission Meeting of March 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission meeting is Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:30pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of March 21, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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