

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

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission was called to order by Chairperson Dan Kozak at 6:30pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Anthony Bundi, Maryanne Chappell, Anthony Derieux, Dan Kozak, John Piligno, Patricia Purdy, Matthew Urquhart and Cncl. McKinney

Absent: Carl Wise

Guest: Denise Pereau and Lise Blackburn

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Anthony Bundi made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission meeting of October 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dan Kozak.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Chairman, Dan Kozak brought all of the members and guests in attendance up to speed on what the Environmental Protection Commission is all about, how it was created, the projects they have worked on and are currently working on. Dan welcomed all of the new members to the meeting and suggested that everyone introduce themselves and say a little bit about themselves.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- Email Correspondence – None
- Tree City – Dan explained how the Commission was once part of Tree City and is now in the process of becoming recertified.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Bike Rack – Dan explained the project and how Eagle Scout, Ethan Dodd became a part of the project. He noted, the bike rack which is located right outside of the front entrance to the municipal building has just been completed.

- Member Term Expirations – Jenn spoke with John Piligno and Anthony Derieux to make them aware that their term’s will be expiring at the end of the year. She explained, if they are interested in continuing to serve on the board what had to be done to be considered for reappointment.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Dan spoke regarding some of the various projects the Commission has worked on in the past. Lise asked if the Commission has a set of goals that they try to accomplish throughout the year, to which Dan advised the Commission sets their goals annually. John spoke regarding raised bed gardens and community gardens, to which Dan advised that this past gardening season, the Commission oversaw the Community Gardens located at the Public Library. A discussion followed regarding the gardens. Matthew suggested having wild flowers planted around the community gardens to help with the bee pollination. Lise agreed and spoke in reference to bee pollination and suggested adding this to the Commission’s goals, in order to educate the public of its’ importance. Dan noted, the complaints that arose in the past when wild flowers were planted at the retention basins. A discussion followed regarding the retention basins and the wildflowers. Lise asked for the Commission’s Mission Statement. Jenn read aloud the Mission Statement that was created by the previous Commission members, “The mission of the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission is to inform and advise the public, Town Council and municipal boards on a variety of local environmental issues and on the actions and policies appropriate for addressing these issues, promoting public awareness of environmental issues, as well as improving the quality of life and local environment in Monroe Township.”

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Anthony Bundi made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Patricia Purdy. 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 and approved by all members of Commission in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Anthony Bundi made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of November 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Matthew Urquhart and approved by all members of Commission in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Secretary

**The next scheduled Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission meeting is Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:30pm.**

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

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