

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JANUARY 22, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission was called to order by Chairperson Dan Kozak at 6:30pm 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 the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Bundi, Crystal Fox, Dan Kozak, Patricia Purdy, Matthew Urquhart, and Eric Fooder

Absent: Carl Wise and Cncl. Steve McKinney

NOMINATIONS

Crystal Fox made a motion to open the floor for nominations for the 2024 Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Protection Commission. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Dan Kozak nominated Anthony Bundi as Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Eric Fooder and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF ANTHONY BUNDI AS 2024 VICE-CHAIRPERSON
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
6 AYES (Bundi, Fox, Kozak, Purdy, Urquhart, Fooder)**

Anthony Bundi was appointed as 2024 Vice-Chairperson to the Monroe Township
Environmental Protection Commission

Eric Fooder made a motion to close the floor for nominations. The motion was seconded by Dan Kozak and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anthony Bundi made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Environmental Protection Commission meeting of November 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Dan Kozak and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance, with the exception of Eric Fooder, who Abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- Email Correspondence – None

- Liaison Reports
 - Open Space – Anthony advised that Open Space has held their Re-organization Meeting. Crystal stated that the members of the Open Space Advisory Committee spoke regarding the Garden of Hope that is located on Braves Blvd between the Middle School and the High School. The Garden of Hope is in a state of disrepair and needs to

be cleaned up, since the garden was a project spear-headed by Sandy Keen, who served on the Environmental Protection Commission in the past, Open Space was wondering if the cleanup would fall under the Environmental Protection Commission. A discussion followed regarding the Garden. Jenn is going to research the specifics of the garden and report back at the next meeting.

- Dan brought Eric up to speed with the Community Garden and how it was placed under the supervision of the Environmental Protection Commission. A discussion followed regarding the Community Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of 2024 Schedule of Meeting Dates

Crystal Fox made a motion to approve the 2024 Schedule of Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Matt Urquhart and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Patricia spoke regarding the Sustainable Monroe / Monroe Township Green Team, noting she researched the website and the documentation that was submitted. She advised that there is a Sustainable Jersey Summit scheduled for May 3rd in Central Jersey that she would like to attend and suggested it would be a good idea if a few other members also attended the event. She asked if the Commission or the Township has ever signed up for the Free Energy Technical Assistance from SJ Gas, to which Dan said he is unaware, but he will follow up with the Business Administrator to confirm. Pat stated that a new Resolution for 2024 is needed for the Green Team, noting the current Resolution will expire at the end of 2024. Pat will forward the information regarding the Summit to Jenn to distribute to the members and the information regarding the Free Energy Technical Assistance and the new Resolution to Jenn to forward for follow up with the Business Administrator. Pat spoke in reference to the application that was filed for the Sustainable Certification. Jenn will send a follow up email to Deb and Tiffany and copy Pat, regarding what is needed from the Commission regarding the certification. Eric suggested contacting the Director of Community Affairs in Gloucester City, as she organizes their Sustainable Jersey certifications.

Pat asked if the Commission would like to participate in the town's annual Music Fest again this year, to which everyone in attendance agreed. Jenn suggested that the Commission also participate in the annual Art's Festivals that are held in the spring and in the fall.

Crystal spoke regarding the Recycling Jeans flyer that she forwarded to the Commission prior to the meeting. Jenn will forward the flyer to Deb and Tiffany and copy Crystal to see if this is something that town could participate in to help with its' Sustainable credits.

Crystal spoke in reference to a wreath making event that she attended in December which was hosted by Hammonton's Green Team.

Crystal and Pat brought Eric up to speed with the Commission's basin project. A discussion followed regarding the basin project and possibly combining the Garden of Hope with the basin project.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Anthony Bundi made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Eric Fooder and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance. 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 Matt Urquhart and approved by all members of Commission in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Crystal Fox made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of January 22, 2024. The motion was seconded by Matt 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, February 26, 2024 at 6:30pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Environmental Protection Commission Meeting of January 22, 2024 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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