

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR January 20, 2021 (Virtual)
7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

“As required by the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. The notice specified the time and place of the meeting to the extent known at the time. The notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, sent to the Daily Record and was placed on file in the Township Clerk’s Office.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Lawrence Kornreich, Ms. Bansari Shah, Ms. Kim Arminio, Ms. Angela Freeman, Mr. Alex Nesterok, Ms. Pam Misiewicz, Mr. Matt Kayne, Ms. Jonathan Antal

REORGANIZATION

Appointment of Temporary Chairman - Motion to appoint Mr. Lawrence Kornreich as temporary chair made by Ms. Kim Arminio; Second by: Ms. Pam Misiewicz; Roll call: unanimous.

Appointment of Chairman - Motion to appoint Ms. Bansari Shah as Chairman made by: Dr. Lawrence Kornreich Second by: Mr. Alex Nesterok; Roll call: unanimous.

Appointment of Vice Chairman - Motion to appoint Ms. Kim Arminio as Vice Chairman made by: Ms. Bansari Shah; Second by: Ms. Pam Misiewicz; Roll call: unanimous.

Appointment of Secretary - Motion to appoint Ms. Angela Freeman as Secretary made by: Dr. Lawrence Kornreich; Second by: Ms. Kim Arminio; Roll call: unanimous.

Designation of Meeting Nights for Environment Commission as follows:

3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30PM to be held virtually or in person:

January 20, 2021	August 18, 2021
February 17, 2021	September 15, 2021
March 17, 2021	October 20, 2021
April 21, 2021	November 17, 2021
May 19, 2021	December 15, 2021
June 16, 2021	January 19, 2022
July 21, 2021	

Motion to adopt made by: Bansari Shah; Second by: Alex Nesterok; Roll call: Unanimous.

Designation of Official Newspaper for Legal Purposes

a) The Daily Record & The Citizen of Morris County

Motion to adopt made by: Bansari Shah; Second by: Kim Arminio; Roll call: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – Ms. Pam Misiewicz had no report.

Economic Development – Dr. Lawrence Kornreich had no report.

Board of Health – No Liaison

Open Space Committee – Ms. Pam Misiewicz had no report.

Planning Board – Dr. Lawrence Kornreich

Township Committee – Dr. Matt Kayne stated everything is status quo. Thank you to Dr. Lawrence Kornreich for all his efforts and hard work as previous Chairperson and welcome aboard to Ms. Bansari Shah.

School Activities – No report; no one from the Earth Club on call.

MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Lawrence Kornreich to accept the August 26, 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Misiewicz. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Old Lane response from the planner is steep slopes for driveway in particular and the developers plan is a bit excessive and can create an issue and the storm water management plan is based on no data. I propose the same issues in our response and Mr. Alex Nesterok made a motion to accept this response and Second by Ms. Bansari Shah and all in favor to accept this response.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kim Arminio reported on plastics use. Would like to be more proactive to be prepared for the mandated plastic bag ban of May 2022. Social Media outreach with Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission (ANJEC) will share their suggestions on our social media posts through the Township's social media pages possibly once per week.

Mr. Nesterok had a question about new bridge and Avalon Bay that his son proposed. Dr. Kornreich advised this was previously discussed that the small bridge being worked on is for the use of emergency vehicles only such as fire/ambulance and another bridge where Bloomfield Ave joins Route 46 would have to be reinforced and is being reinforced by the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bansari Shah is working on interviewing and publishing an interview with Montville Diner to help enforce no plastic bags.

Ms. Bansari Shah advised there is a seminar this Friday 1/22/21: "Future of Environmental Change in New Jersey"

For this year we would like everyone to take some time and think about where is most important to you that impacts our environment.

Volunteer Green Team may be helpful to carry out our efforts.

Ms. Kim Arminio advised reached out to ANJEC and was told by the end of February they will have suggestions for all towns across New Jersey and Ms. Kim Arminio will share with us.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Matthew Kayne and seconded by Ms. Pam Misiewicz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.