

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR February 17, 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.”

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Kim Arminio, Dr. Lawrence Kornreich, Ms. Bansari Shah, , Ms. Angela Freeman, Mr. Alex Nesterok, Ms. Pam Misiewicz, Ms. June Witty, Ms. Jonathan Antal; Mr. Joseph Daughtry

Guest Jane Mowles

Mr. Donato D’Angelo – confirmed resigned.

Mr. Joseph Daughtry – absent

Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick – absent

Dr. Matt Kayne – absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – Ms. Pam Misiewicz reported BOA met in early February and discussed 2 items:

- 1) 83 Boonton Ave – subdivision requesting C&D variances and setback lines
- 2) 166 Changebridge Road- minor site plan.

Economic Development – Dr. Lawrence Kornreich had nothing to report.

Board of Health – No Liaison

Open Space Committee – Ms. Pam Misiewicz two Eagle Scout projects

- 1) Camp Dawson
- 2) Community Park
- 3) Gold award at Land Conservancy to be completed in the spring. New Launch and access for Fire Truck to the water because there are no fire hydrants there.

Economic Development Committee – Ms. Jane Mowles advised they discussed ways to get businesses into town using Social Media.

Planning Board – Dr. Lawrence Kornreich has two things to comment on:

- 1) Single family development on Old Lane was approved.
- 2) Dry Cleaners in Changebridge Plaza that created a spill that will be remediated. Being controlled by NJDEP.

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

Township Committee – Ms. June Witty advised nothing to report.

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Alex Nesterok to accept the January 20, 2021 minutes, seconded by Dr. Lawrence Kornreich. All were in favor.

Members Eligible: Arminio, Kornreich, Shah, , Nesterok, Misiewicz, Antal;

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bansari Shah and Mr. Jonathan Antal have a plan to create a contest for the students for Arbor Day plans and tie it into Earth Day. This will be an independent contest and the school will help get the word out. Templates and execution outline have been put together. Will be done as an EC project. We should be ready by end of March. We are going to pick a theme for K through 5th grades.

Ms. Kim Arminio reported on plastics use education. The mandated plastic bag ban coming up in May 2022. This ban will include single use plastic bags, Styrofoam food containers, straws used only upon request will begin November 2021 and stores above 25 hundred square feet even paper bags will be banned. Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission (ANJEC) want all towns across NJ to “choose to reuse” campaign so everyone can begin using reusables. ANJEC suggests we educate businesses and residents around town and promote those who follow on social media. “ask first” is a good idea. Kim asks if there is a budget for advertising and promoting this plastic ban? Ms. Bansari Shah said we have a budget for flyers, we must use the townships’ social media, and we can publish articles in Tapinto. We will also be putting together an EC monthly Newsletter. Also, we can do a mailer twice a year with environmental information. Also, we need to contact Montville Messenger and try to get an article in there. We will go through the Chamber of Commerce to reach out to businesses in town.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers for an ECO Team needed. Ms. Bansari Shah has about a dozen residents who are interested in joining. This group will be called "Sustainable Montville". These volunteers are working on cork recycling at whole foods in Parsippany and Wine and Spirits in Montville. Earth week virtual fair will be at the end of April there will be a week of events with different speakers and whenever you attend a seminar you get a raffle ticket and a chance to win up to \$200 in gift cards from local businesses. One seminar may be in Spanish only. Ms. Bansari Shah will be putting a sewing group together to sew reusable produce bags and washable bags from sheets and blankets and will be brought to Barry's Pharmacy and Village Market. Pam Misiewicz volunteered to sew. Goal is 100 bags. Ms. Bansari Shah is working on Javist Compost where residents can drop off their food waste. Terracycle for odd things such as pens, k-cups, and more and we need businesses interested in doing the collection. Businesses should opt out of just putting plastic utensils in bags, they could ask first if you need utensils.

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.

Ms. Bansari Shah explained ANJEC offers free training all the time and there is two hours of training per year in our bylaws. If we all sign up for the ANJEC newsletter you will know about all the upcoming training.

ANJEC is stating there is a new ordinance pertaining to storm water regulations and Ms. Jane Mowles advised they have already been introduced to the Planning Board.

Ms. Bansari Shah is looking into simple recycling for textiles and sometimes they pay the town to do it.

Plastic bag recycling is available at the Shoprite in Parsippany but it is not clear if the bags are being recycled. Lincoln Park is also accepting plastic bags. We want to know if they are working with Trex and if there is a way Trex could pick up.

Dr. Lawrence Kornreich discussed ANJEC Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions. Site Plan Review is an EC function and all of us should take this course Saturday, March 20th or the following Tuesday. Dr. Lawrence Kornreich will forward the registration information via email.

Ms. Kim Arminio is looking forward to this training by ANJEC so she has a better understanding of stie planning.

Mr. Alex Nesterok expressed the site plan review of the Towaco Station condos. He advised this is no longer owner occupied. He advised this HOA was supposed to manage the stormwater recharge system. Do we know if they still are since they are in

bankruptcy? Ms. Jane Mowles advised she is unaware of the Mr. Dan Furia going into bankruptcy and there was an HOA set up to take care of the storm water system.

Ms. Bansari Shah sees Mr. Joseph Daughtry on but he is not answering. Perhaps he dialed in. Nobody is answering.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Lawrence Kornreich and seconded by Mr. Alex Nesterok, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.