

**MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18, 2023 - 7:00PM**

**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 The Citizen and was placed on file in the Township Clerk's Office. This meeting has been properly noticed to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Antal - Present  
Ms. Arminio - Present  
Mr. Daughtry - Present  
Ms. Ehntholt - Excused Absence  
Dr. Kornreich - Present  
Mr. Kovalcik - Excused Absence  
Ms. Misiewicz - Present  
Ms. Faber - Present  
Mr. Angiolini - Present  
Also Present - Ms. Witty, TC Liaison  
Ms. Corcoran, EC Recording Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REORGANIZATION**

- Brief Introduction by each Environmental Commission Member
- Appointment of Temporary Chairman – Motion made by Mr. Daughtry to appoint Ms. Corcoran as Temporary Chair, seconded by Mr. Antal. All in favor: Unanimous
- Election of Chairman – request made by Ms. Corcoran for nomination of Chairman. Nomination and motion made by Dr. Kornreich to appoint Pam Misiewicz as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Daughtry. All in favor: Unanimous.
- Election of Vice Chairman - Nomination and motion made by Dr. Kornreich to appoint Kim Arminio as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Daughtry. All in favor: Unanimous.
- Appointment of Secretary – motion made by Mr. Daughtry to appoint Christine Corcoran as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Antal. All in favor: Unanimous.
- Designation of Meeting Time - 7:00PM - and Meeting Dates
  - The Meeting Dates are as follows (third Wednesday of each month): 1/18/23, 2/15/23, 3/15/23, 4/19/23, 5/17/23, 6/21/23, 7/19/23, 8/16/23, 9/20/23, 10/18/23, 11/15/23, 12/20/23 & 1/17/24
  - Held at: 195 Changebridge Rd., Montville, NJ, in the Chambers
- Designation of Official Newspaper for Legal Ads
  - The Daily Record, and The Citizen (for publication purposes)

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**Board of Adjustment** – Ms Misiewicz reviewed the BOA minutes and stated that there were three applications presented at the January 04, 2023 that had no environmental impact and that 259 Route 202 was on the agenda for the February meeting.

**Economic Development** – No report

**Health Department** – No report

**Open Space Committee** – Ms. Misiewicz stated there was no meeting in December and the next meeting is January 19, 2023. There will be a Scout Project in the spring.

**Planning Board** – Dr. Kornreich stated that he had two response letters that will be discussed later. The state is proposing a change in flood map due to more rain. They propose to move the flood elevation up by two feet and

have the change go into effect middle of third quarter. Planning Board and Engineer are requesting that the Township Committee modify our commitment to affordable housing due to this change however it will not be retroactive to existing projects.

**School Activities** – Ms. Arminio stated that the Earth Club was unable to attend tonight, and they will get together next week to work on the High School recycling issue.

**Township Committee** – Ms. Witty stated that we have a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Recycling thoughts about doing a campaign to prepare for upcoming recycling event. Rockaway River Watershed had good ideas to present to the Earth Club as future projects to help the community: Rain Gardens, Barrels, Etc. She will forward the information to Mrs. Arminio.

### MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Kornreich to approve the November 16, 2022, minutes, seconded by Mr. Daughtry. All in favor: Unanimous

Eligible: Arminio, Daughtry, Ehntholt, Kornreich, Kovalcik

### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter for Pedestrian Bridge Replacement at Pyramid Mountain

### EC BUDGET

Review 2023 budget – Per the Township Administrator they are currently working on the 2023 budget and she does not anticipate any changes.

### NEW BUSINESS

**640 Route 202 LLC – PSPP/FC/PSOIL 22-09, Block 40 Lot 51, 640 Rt 202** – Dr. Kornreich and Mr. Daughtry did a site review. It is proposed to have two apartments on top with rear access and 1-2 businesses on the bottom with front access. It is a highly restricted lot so not much can be done to it and there are no environmental consequences. The major issue is safety concerns due to the narrow driveways. Plan is to demolish the building but still utilize the foundation. There is no indication of contamination on the property. Motion made by Ms. Misiewicz to approve response letter to Planning Board, seconded by Ms. Arminio. All in favor: Unanimous

**Lanagan Project – PSPP/F/SOIL 22-07, Block 184 Lot 2.01, 65 Rt 46** – Dr. Kornreich stated that the plan is to demolish all buildings and build a large warehouse. Will plant over 300 trees, catch the storm water, and treat it. They have to account for net zero flood. Will have over one half of the basement as open space. Motion made by Mr. Antal to approve response letter to Planning Board, seconded by Ms. Misiewicz. All in favor: Unanimous

### OLD BUSINESS

**Tree Ordinance** – Ms. Misiewicz stated the MS. Hercek informed here that the tree ordinance is scheduled to be discussed at the January 24, 2023 Township Committee meeting.

**Earth Club** – Ms. Misiewicz will have around 250 third graders for 2023 seedling program.

**Aquifer Level** – Ms. Misiewicz stated that Dave Kirkham informed her that the aquifer is 28.6 feet below the surface and is rising with rain as it was 29.9 feet below the surface in September. Mr. Kirkham has been invited to speak at our next meeting in February.

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Angiolini questioned what the year ahead holds for the Environmental Commission.

Ms. Misiewicz briefly explained the Arbor Day seedling program and how the Earth Club or REACH program could help. Ms. Witty suggested starting a program to get rid of water bottles at the schools and use refillable bottles. Ms. Misiewicz stated that in prior years the EC members collected money for a Scholarship Fund. Spread awareness about the EC at Montville Day. Garden for Good. Open to any thoughts of projects going forward. Ms. Arminio suggested to start discussion about gas powered leaf blowers and limiting their usage. Mr. Angiolini questioned the natural resource inventory. Mr. Kornreich stated that we are due for an update as the last one was done in 2013. It is usually done by professionals so we may need to request additional budget money.

### ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Misiewicz and seconded by Mr. Daughtry the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. All in favor: Unanimous