

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 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 – Excused Absence
Ms. Faber - Present
Dr. Kornreich - Present
Mr. Kovalcik – Excused Absence
Ms. Misiewicz - Present
Mr. Angiolini - Present
Ms. Stone - Present
Also Present - Ms. Witty, TC Liaison
Ms. Corcoran, EC Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – Mr. Angiolini stated that around 200 residents attended the June 20th meeting regarding the Diversified Properties Project. Most residents were against the project and only a few were for it. The meeting ran past 10:30PM and they will return in September for further discussions and possibly a Planning Board vote.

Economic Development – No Report

Historic Preservation Review – Mr. Angiolini stated that they are working on projects out 12-18 months. This weekend they will be going through the archives in the Townhall Basement and possibly the museum to see if there are any records or artifacts for their projects. They have created a google drive, are attempting to save a property in town and are working on starting up the Historical Society.

Health Department – No Report

Open Space Committee – Ms. Misiewicz stated that they continue to work on the Adopt a Trail and the Eagle Scout Community Park projects.

Planning Board – No Report

School Activities – Ms. Arminio stated she was still attempting to get more recycling information to Mr. Rolfe and the Earth Club Students. She and a few other EC members will be touring one of the recycling centers next week. Recycle Center will be doing a presentation at the October 18th Environmental Commission meeting.

Township Committee – Ms. Witty stated that the Board of Education has opted to go out on their own for trash and recycling as the Township has opted to take on more of a marketing role for recycling. The town is in the process of acquiring 103 Horseneck Rd that is designated for park use only. There is talk of making a Pickle Ball area there but no definite plans at this time.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes of May 17, 2023, was made by Ms. Arminio, seconded by Mr. Antal.

All in favor: Unanimous

Eligible: Antal, Arminio, Daughtry, Misiewicz, Stone

CORRESPONDENCE

Pio Costa, Block 24 Lots 32 & 32 QFARM – Letter submitted to NJDEP.

PSE&G, Block 123 Lot 11 – Letter submitted to NJDEP.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Nick Marucci, Montville Township Engineer – presented a review of stormwater regulations and other related issues. When a building project is submitted to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment or Engineering there are State and Local Ordinances in place that must be followed to mitigate the increase of Stormwater runoff. There are various applications to assist in the process that can be found in the NJDEP Best Management Practice Manual. Mr. Marucci showed some examples of these applications along with maps of the Flood Zone in Town. He indicated that the DEP has done a study of the Flood Plan within town and included the Rockaway River, Hatfield Creek, Passaic River, and Crooked Brook. The purpose of the study was to update the area regarding large storm events and what new changes will be required by developers to manage stormwater. The new changes will not affect current developments that already have permits as they are considered grandfathered.

OLD BUSINESS

Pinto Management Group LLC – Ms. Misiewicz passed the response letter around to members for review stating there was no significant Environmental issues associated with this project. Motion made by Mr. Antal to approve the response letter to the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Angiolini. All in favor: Unanimous

Future Direction of Environmental Commission Programs – Mr. Angiolini briefly reviewed the three subcommittees and asked for volunteers for the 2nd one regarding Storm Basins and EV Charging Stations. He stated that he has been working with Nick Marucci & John Biront from Engineering on Adopt a Storm Drain. There is currently a program out there, but it is expensive to join. He will send out an updated list of the subcommittees and their members. Ms. Misiewicz suggested that the members reach out to one another to work on their specific project.

Tree Ordinance – Ms. Misiewicz stated they are still awaiting an update.

Aquifer Status – Ms. Misiewicz stated that per Dave Kirkham, Water/Sewer Director that the aquifer has dropped around 9 feet within the last month and a half. He believes that this is due to lack of rain along with the watering of lawns/gardens around this time of year.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Kornreich and seconded by Ms. Arminio, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM. All in favor: Unanimous