

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 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. Faber - Present

Dr. Kornreich – Present

Mr. Kovalcik – Present

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. Kovalcik stated that the Diversified project was passed by a vote of 5 to 2.

Economic Development – No Report

Historic Preservation Review – Mr. Angiolini stated they have several projects they are currently working on. Cider Mill, Oral History of Montville, Archiving Records, Youngs Field Designation, 107 Changebridge Rd, Historic and Pre-historic sites list and start up of the Historical Society.

Health Department – No Report

Open Space Committee – Ms. Misiewicz stated the Eagle Scouts community park project was discussed. They will have a booth at Montville Day. Working on the Trail walk.

Planning Board – Dr. Kornreich stated the Horseneck Rd project was passed and there are no environmental concerns.

School Activities – Ms. Arminio stated that Ms. Misiewicz and Ms. Faber joined her at the Mine Hill Recycling center for a tour of the facility. It was very educational and the facility was very clean and safe. Would like to get the word out about what can and cannot be recycled.

Township Committee – Ms. Witty stated the electronic recycling and shredding event is coming up in October. There is a Native Plant sale during the last week in April.

MINUTES

A motion to Approve the Minutes of June 21, 2023 was made by Ms. Arminio and seconded by Mr. Angiolini. All in favor: Unanimous
Eligible: Antal, Faber, Kornreich, Misiewicz, Angiolini, Stone

CORRESPONDENCE

Reis, 9 Crane Dr, Block 141.1 Lot 15, ZC11-21 – Dr. Kornreich stated it was approved by the Zoning Board. There are no environmental concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Ms. Jane Mowles, Department Head of the Land Use Department –

Ms. Arminio introduced Ms. Mowles who proceeded to discuss the affordable housing court agreement. The courts have mandated affordable housing, and it was not a choice the Township Committee had on the building that is currently going on. The prior GI Auto Salvage site that is now Avalon Bay will have temporary CO's in November. Modera has 295 units with 47 affordable units and hopes to have CO's in the beginning of 2024. Juve will have 70 units with 14 affordable units but has no permits filed as of today. They did do some sitework and must replace six trees that they should not have removed. They all need to do an affirmative marketing plan and the affordable units are handled through a lottery. Sterling will be at the old V & V site with 178 units and 36 affordable units.

In regard to Landscaping it is the Landscape Architect who reviews the plans.

The Amended Tree Ordinance is being reviewed by the Township Engineer as there are new state rules.

Normally a Developer files a Land Use Application that may then go to the Zoning or Planning Board. It may go to the Design Review prior to the Planning Board if it is a large development.

There will be EV Charging stations at the WAWA that is currently under construction. Above & Beyond will be renovating and moving into the building behind the Jiffy Lube in Pine Brook.

The Committee thanked Ms. Mowles for attending and providing her expertise.

OLD BUSINESS

Future Direction of Environmental Commission Programs – Mr. Angiolini stated that there are three sub-committees that will start up again.

Amended Tree Ordinance – It is still in review due to new rules from the State.

Aquifer Status – Ms. Misiewicz stated that it is currently stable due to all the rain we have had.

Montville Day - October 8th, Booth coverage – Ms. Misiewicz stated it will be held from 1:00pm to 6:00pm and she is asking for volunteers to man the booth.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Daughtry and seconded by Dr. Kornreich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.

All in favor: Unanimous