

# MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

**April 12, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: The April 12, 2021 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Erin Militch at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

**OPENING STATEMENT:** This meeting is being conducted during the current National Emergency with remote participation in accordance with guidance provided by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, as set forth in the Public Notice of the meeting.

The Notice requirements provided for in the Open Public meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of the meeting was published on March 25, 2021. Said Notice was published in the Burlington County Times and Trenton Times, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Mansfield and posted on the official website of the Township of Mansfield. Notice of which contained the date, time and purpose of this meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Todd Kokotajlo, present  
Dorothy Wirth, present  
Frederick Cain, present  
Donald Knezick, present  
John Kelly, present  
LaVerne Cholewa, present  
Frank Pinto, present  
Steven Knezick (Alt 1), present  
H. Dennis VanMater (Alt 2), present

**Nomination of Chairperson For Year 2021:** Todd Kokotajlo nominated by Dottie Wirth, seconded by Frank Pinto. Motion Carries

**Nomination of Vice Chair For Year 2021:** Todd Kokotajlo nominated Dottie Wirth, Seconded by John Kelly. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION 2021-4-1-Fixing Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission-** Motion to adopt by Fred Cain, Seconded by LaVerne Cholewa, motion carries.

## **Correspondence/Application Review New Business:**

- **Update to ERI:** It was advised where to locate on the Environmental website. It was mentioned what the potential cost would be to update and how we would go about it. Would this fit in our annual budget. For the time being Erin would download and email copies to all Commission members. The last updated completion date was in 2006. Reevaluate when budget is set.
- **Planning Board on the Master Plan Update:** Frank Pinto would bring up at the next JLUB meeting. Township committee has to start the process for reexamination of the master plan.

- **Establish EC Work Group:** If anything the Environmental Commission was researching would require a sub commission as needed.

- **Application for Amazon parking Facility, Route 130:** Fred Cain inquired would there be Soil Testing. Would there be a drainage system? Will there be soil testing? The JLUB should be mindful of applicants request for waivers. How do we get our questions/comments to JLUB? Frank Pinto advised to address our concerns and questions to Paul at the JLUB prior to their next meeting. The main topics on concern from the waiver list are:

#19

#41

#42

#50

#53

#55

Is there onsite Septic?

Don Knezick inquired about the tree removal application on this site. Erin was directed to check with Land Use Office on check-lists.

- **Engineer:** would it be beneficial to the Environmental Commission to retain an engineer to review site plans/blue prints when received. It was deemed beneficial prior when Dan Caldwell was involved. Reevaluate when budget is approved then RFP advertised for Engineering Consultant.

- **Public Comment:**

**Kate Tallon**, supplied informational links that will be added to the Environmental Website. Watershed sponsor for education. ERI's and information. Interested in Quarterly and regional EC. Liaison to meet with different green teams around the area.

**Mike Judge, 20 Sunset Lane, Columbus, NJ** what was the scope of the commission? Concerned with any damage with township. Plan reviews, what are the environmental impact? Existing Wetlands Educated/redefined.

**John O'Callaghan, 53 Oak Lane, New Egypt, NJ**, is the EC allowed to have a more formal review of the Amazon Application. EC ability to influence and make recommendations to TWP comm.

**Tom Knezick**, would there be an interest for sustainable Jersey program grants? BeeCity USA.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Kelly seconded by Frank Pinto, motion carries.

**Respectfully prepared and submitted:**

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**Erin Militch, Environmental Commission Secretary**