

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The July 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Bob Tallon at 7:08 p.m. at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building.

Flag Salute

Open Public Meetings Statement: Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act NJSA 10:4.6 to 10:4.21 has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the annual notice which was adopted by Mansfield Township Environmental Commission on January 13, 2020. Said resolution was transmitted to the Burlington County Times, filed with the Clerk of the Township, posted on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Complex, filed with the members of this body, and mailed to each person who has requested copies of the Regular Meeting Schedule and who prepaid any charges fixed for such service. All of the mailing, posting, and filing has been accomplished as of January 17, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Dorothy Wirth- present	Robert Tallon- present	Janice DiGiuseppe, Liaison
Douglas Borgstrom-absent	Jack Kelly- present	Rudy Ocello, Liaison
Robert Harrison-absent	Todd Kokotajlo- present (joined late)	
Frederick D. Cain- present	Serra Gungor-absent	

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Approval of Minutes:

- Dottie Wirth made a motion to approve the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes, and Fred Cain seconded the motion. The remaining present members who attended the February 10, 2020 meeting approved the minutes and the motion passed.

DOTTIE ADVISED THE BOARD AHEAD OF TIME THAT SHE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE Ad-DAWAH CENTER NOR THE MANSFIELD RD. WEST PROJECTS.

Correspondence:

- 6/1/20 Application for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit Extension in Support of PSE&G Electric Overhead Transmission System Right-of Way Vegetation Maintenance

Bob Tallon informed the members about this ongoing maintenance plan. PSE&G is doing a good job and not changing anything that would negatively impact the environment.

Fred Cain asked if we have any ROWs that go through any areas that are prone to flooding. He also wanted to know if any town officials are checking what PSE&G is doing.

Bob said that yes, they need to do so at times over streams, but PSE&G's engineers are required to report directly to the DEP. The township's engineers can choose to look at what is being done and the township can decide if they want to look at it. However, the EC decided that nothing needs to be done since they are working within the existing ROW.

NO ACTION NEEDED

- Freshwater Wetlands Application, LOI Mansfield East and Rt. 206, Bl. 9.01, Lots 4.01 & 4.02.

Fred Cain wanted to know if anyone knows what they are doing with this property.

None of the members knew what the plan was for this property.

Bob Tallon recommended that a short letter should be sent to the Joint Land Use Board Coordinator, Ed, to remind him that under the Ordinance 2012-3, our stream ordinance, a 150 ft. buffer is required, and that Craft Creek Water is contact water where people swim in. DEP is coming up with a lot of rules on contact water. Therefore, we do not want to impact that water.

Fred Cain agreed that this was a good idea.

Fred Cain made a motion to have Yaga send a letter to the Joint Land Use Board, with a copy to the Township Committee, advising them that Ordinance 2012-3 needs to be taken into consideration for future development of this land, more specifically as it relates to the 150 ft. buffer and Crafts Creek Water which is contact water. Bob Tallon seconded the motion and the remaining members approved the motion. The motion passed.

- 6/26/20 Application for a NJDEP Flood Hazard area & Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit, PSE&G upgrade.

Bob Tallon informed the members that he has been watching them, just from the side of the road, and they are doing good job disturbing the wetlands as little as possible. He noted that they are being pretty conscientious so far not to cause any erosion to the streams.

NO ACTION NEEDED

- Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation, Bl. 25, L. 1, 3156 Hwy. 206 (farmland between Public Rd. and Legends)

Bob Tallon informed the board that there are little streams that go through there into the Craft Creek which again is contact water. He recommended sending a similar letter as above to the JLUB for any future developer to be mindful of the Ordinance 2012-3.

Dottie Wirth made a motion to have Yaga send a letter to the Joint Land Use Board, with a copy to the Township Committee, advising them that Ordinance 2012-3 needs to be taken into consideration for any future development of this land, more specifically as it relates to the 150 ft. buffer and Crafts Creek Water, which is contact water. Jack Kelly seconded the motion and the remaining members approved the motion. The motion passed.

- Letter from PS&S re: Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan Amendment Application for Bl. 30, Lots. 9.02, 10, 11, 12 & 13.01

Bob Tallon explained to the board that this is for the proposed warehouse on Rt. 206 and their plan for sewer application to go through Mansfield Farms (Mapletown plan). His concern about this plan is the sewage system will have to cover in addition to the Mapletown demand, the 2 warehouses, as well as the expending Northern Burlington School. The system is running already at 80% capacity. It cannot run at 100% since it needs a buffer in the capacity.

Fred Cain questioned what happens if there is not enough capacity.

Bob Tallon answered that the warehouse would have to be shrunk down and they would have to put in their own septic system.

Jack Kelly wanted to know will they hook into the system.

Fred Cain believes that they will try whatever is the easiest but more likely will have to dig under Rt. 206. However, to accomplish that they will have to go through the DEP.

Jack Kelly wanted to know if the lines will be hooked up through Four Seasons

Fred Cain answered that he did not think that was the case.

Fred Cain made a motion to have Yaga write a letter to the Joint Land Use Board and the Township Committee that the board is concerned about adding additional

sewerage from the warehousing project to already exerted system capacity, almost at 80%. The treatment plant may not be able to handle the additional capacity. Bob Tallon seconded the motion and the remaining members approved the motion. The motion passed.

DOTTIE WIRTH AND JACK KELLY ABSTAINED FROM THIS VOTE.

New Business:

- Preliminary and Final Site Plan for Ad-Dawah Center, 3191 Hwy. 206, Bl. 30, L. 13.01

DOTTIE WIRTH EXCUSED HERSELF OUT OF THIS PART OF THE MEETING.

Bob Tallon advised that this was already in front of the Planning Board.

Fred Cain was concerned if there were any mature trees that were to be removed. He further advised the board that there were no new changes to the plan.

Todd Kokotajlo was concerned if there was a thermal scan done of the graves.

Yaga reminded the board that that was completed and it the plan would not affect any of the existing graves.

NO ACTION NEEDED.

- Redevelopment Plan for Rt. 206 and Mansfield Rd. West, Southeast Corner, Bl.30, Lots 9.02, 10, 11, 12 & 13.02.

DOTTIE WIRTH EXCUSED HERSELF OUT OF THIS PART OF THE MEETING.

Jack Kelly wanted to know more details about this plan.

Fred Cain advised the board that this is the area where the old houses need to be knocked down and the plan has changed from having new homes built to putting up a warehouse.

Bob Tallon said that this is more of the Planning Board's decision.

However, the board discussed that this is not the best place to have a warehousing project, as it's too close to town. We cannot regulate the direction of truck traffic, since County road, nothing will stop the trucks from going onto Main Street. This is safety issue, quality of life issue, and the pounding onto the road will be a problem. Originally the township wanted to have warehouses on the outskirts of town but this location is not in the outskirts of town.

NO ACTION NEEDED

- Margolis Warehousing, Phase 2

Bob Tallon reminded that board that the EC already responded last year that the board didn't oppose the bridge but was concerned about affecting the wetlands and they should build carefully.

Dottie Wirth agreed that building the bridge is important without it, and it would create a lot of truck traffic going onto Jacksonville Hedding Rd.

NO ACTION NEEDED.

- EC trail nature walk at Crystal Lake Park (presented by Bob Tallon).

Bob Tallon advised the board that he would like to narrate the nature walk and maybe invite someone else to speak about the park and the trails. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have to postpone it for now.

Fred Cain thought this was a great idea but wanted to know how often this would take place.

Bob Tallon thinks that it should occur maybe one or twice a year. He will put something in writing and share with the board. There would be a need for a waiver but Bob will work on that.

NO ACTION NEEDED

- Pizza box recycling (presented by Bob Tallon).

Bob Tallon advised the board that he was given this idea by Bordentown Township. It is his understanding that the pizza boxes are contaminating our recycling system. However, starting a separate recycling program just for pizza boxes and utilizing them as add-ons to fertilizers for local farmers would be great. Further, he said that Bordentown has been very successful with this recycling program.

Kate Tallon along with Steve Knezick joined on to talk about this project. Kate advised the board further that she spoke with the manager from Piccolissimo and that she would be on board with helping with this and building it. However, the EC would need to coordinate with the township the location of the collection container.

Fred wanted to know if there would some kind of metal boxes that the pizza boxes would be thrown into and someone would collect that. He expressed his concern about rodents getting into it.

Kate advised the board that it would be a metal box. She said she would check with the other townships that are doing it, to see if they had any issues with rodents. She said that perhaps an employee from the pizza place could check

periodically to make sure there was no rodent problem. If it becomes an issue then we have to figure something out.

Fred Cain questioned Steve how they would be handling the pizza boxes. For example, it is unsure whether they will grind it up or let it decompose wholly.

Steve said that he would have to research more. However, it would be great for weed control for like wildflower fields or even personal gardens. So it would be beneficial to local farmers as well as the community.

Dottie Wirth reminded the board as the previous recycling coordinator pizza boxes due have tomato sauce and oil grease so it would contaminate the recycling program so this would eliminate that problem.

Fred Cain asked Kate if she could provide pictures or description of the collection box and what it would look like so that that can be shared with the Township Committee.

Dottie suggested adding something onto our website about this program so people that have gardens could utilize this option, if they would like.

NO ACTION NEEDED

- Discuss application by Erin I. Militch to replace Yaga Erwin as the new EC secretary (presented by Bob Tallon).

Bob Tallon advised the board that he hates to lose Yaga but that Erin was very interested in taking this position. Her resume was sent to the Township for their review. He believes that she is a good candidate for this position.

Dottie Wirth said that she also hates to lose Yaga but wanted to know if Yaga would consider participating in the meetings within the public comments session and still participate in that capacity. Yaga said that she will take that into consideration.

Fred Cain advised the board that the Township Committee received Erin's resume and is reviewing it, but that the EC needs to send a letter of recommendation to the Township Committee.

Bob Tallon made a motion to have Yaga write a letter to the Township Committee recommending Erin Militch as the new EC secretary. Jack Kelly seconded the motion and the remaining members approved the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

NONE

Dottie Wirth wanted to know if the next meeting will be held in person.

Fred Cain advised the board that he does not expect the township to open any time soon. The township will continue monitoring the situation.

The Board thanked Yaga for her service.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Jack Kelly and seconded by Todd Kokotajlo. All present members approved and the motion passed.

Respectfully prepared and submitted:

Yaga Erwin, Secretary