

MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 19th. 7:00 pm @ Library Room A

PRESENT: Henry Balikov, Barbara Rich, Charlie Coriell, Curtis Howard (new member), James Barry. Guest: Jim Carrorias

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve January 2025 Minutes. The MEAC minutes for the January 2025 meeting have been approved by Charles Coriell and Henry Balikov. Minutes will be submitted soon for public access to township residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome Curtis Howard to MEAC

Curtis has been a resident in Moorestown for the past 15 years and has some environmental background to help aid the mission of the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee.

Update on 900 Lenola Road, LLC. Project on 880 North Lenola Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057 - Final Site Plan.

MEAC discussed comments for the 900 Lenola Rd, LLC project. Barbara Rich had commented that the tree proposal on the property is a concern for the local environment. There was a need to confirm whether the applicant had actually proposed to use an Asian Banyan tree to replace the existing trees on the site. Next steps that MEAC planned were to contact the applicant to verify if an Asian Banyan tree will be planted during the development of the project.

James Barry commented that the Planning Board had raised some issues that were not likely to be resolved at the following Planning Board meeting. More information about the 900 Lenola Rd, LLC project will be discussed at future MEAC meetings.

Review of Mount Laurel Realty LLC's Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan for Proposed Bank of America: Block 6801, Lot 1 (Moorestown Township), Block

**503.02, Lot 1 (Mount Laurel Township). Marne Highway & Centerton Rd.
Townships of Moorestown & Mount Laurel, Burlington County, New Jersey.**

MEAC members gathered to review the proposed Bank of America project (Block 6801, Lot #1), and (Block 503.02, Lot #1) along Marne Highway & Centerton Road that intersects Moorestown & Mount Laurel Township. One comment was raised for the project's applicant to consider when finalizing the construction plans with the townships. There was a concern that the proposed parking lot surrounding the bank could create a continuous stormwater issue with frequent flooding and runoff carrying harmful residue on the property site. Charlie suggested having a section of the parking lot be paved with permeable pavement. Having permeable pavement on the property site would allow for a more sustainable stormwater management plan for the project's applicant and frequent groundwater recharge to support the growth of trees planted on site.

Updates on Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness

Henry Balikov invited Jim Carruthers who is currently the township's Emergency Response Coordinator to have an open discussion on how our township can begin to think more proactively for future climate issues that will inevitably affect Moorestown to a greater degree, including wildfires, drought, and flooding. Jim commented on the construction timeline of upcoming projects for improved infrastructure in the township and mentioned the window of completion will not be of concern to residents. Henry also provided an update on toxic chemical concerns and climate activities.

Monthly Report by James Barry:

James Barry talked about the new replacement project to improve the waterline infrastructure on Camden Avenue and Main Street. There has already been a bid for developers to begin construction and the township is moving into the next phase of the project. Other items that James commented on were updates to the Moorestown welcome sign along Camden Avenue, an update to the Historic Preservation ordinance with an addition of an historic park preservation agreement, which will have a ceremony take place on February 23rd, 2025. The township is also looking into options to fund money for a "band shell" to be constructed on the green lawn across from Town Hall and the library.

Open Space Advisory Committee report

Truckness' family is still in progress to meet with Burlington County officials for an appraisal to be settled. More updates on this property are coming this year.

Public Comments:

Jim Carruthers described some of the other organizations around the township that also are involved with emergency management response planning.

Next Meeting: March 19th, 2025