

# MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

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**DATE:** Wednesday, March 19th. 7:00 pm @ Library Classroom A

**PRESENT:** Henry Balikov, Barbara Rich, Charlie Coriell, Curtis Howard

### Approved February 2025 Minutes

The February 2025 minutes have been reviewed by the committee members. Final version of the minutes was sent to MEAC members on 3/5/25. Minutes were accepted as approved by Henry Balikov, and second by Charlie Coriell.

### Review of 880 N Lenola Rd – New Proposed Warehouse Design (Final Site Plan)

The following project titled PB#2024-16 (880 Lenola Rd) by the developer “900 Lenola Rd” has been revised for a new warehouse plan alongside 880 Lenola Rd. Committee members Henry, Barbara, Charlie, and Curtis discussed the project outline and reviewed the final site plan pages. On page 3 of the Existing Site Plan, there was concern shared from members that the warehouse design (estimated 300 ft x 120 ft) will be removing tree cover that currently exist by 80% around the proposed area of the new warehouse. Concerns about stormwater management remain in question from the grading and soil erosion plan outlined by the developer. More insight on the project’s environment outcome will be discussed at a future meeting.

### Review of PB#2024-37: 334 Tom Brown

The proposed development project, PB#2024-37 at 334 Tom Brown Rd, differs from typical commercial projects in the township as it is a residential initiative in a rural area. The plan includes a mansion, a pool house, and smaller townhouse units along the southern side of the property. A key concern raised by Barbara is the lack of proposed bedrooms, which makes it difficult to assess the septic system’s capacity—an important factor for groundwater recharge and wastewater management.

Additionally, Barbara expressed uncertainty about the water usage for a planned garden plot business at the back of the property, as it may strain shared homeowners association resources. Meanwhile, Henry reviewed the grading plan and found it satisfactory from a

stormwater perspective, noting that the design incorporates multiple storm basins for effective water catchment.

#### NJDEP New Drycleaner Study – Letter for Review

A NJDEP letter was sent to MEAC for review about a Moorestown property that apparently contained volatile organic compounds (VOCs) intrusion underneath their house from an old dry cleaning business built decades ago. There is not much information to go off of the letter for now.

#### ANJEC Required Training Session for New Members - Discussion

Charlie Coriell attended one of the required training sessions by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions on March 18<sup>th</sup>, which covered the topic of fundamentals for established environmental commissions. The training session provides new members an opportunity to understand the basic requirements that should be enforced by an environmental commission at the municipal level. Some resources were discussed as well for members to get a better understanding of their township's environmental conditions through an Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) and Master Plan. The training also reminded members to focus on developing smart goals to accomplish as environmental committees or commissions in New Jersey. An example of a past goal accomplished by all municipalities in New Jersey was the 2022 Plastic Bag Plan. It's important for residents to think how we can be proactive towards improving our local environment and social wellbeing in New Jersey.

#### News from NJ Watershed Institute 8<sup>th</sup> Conference – Report by Charlie Coriell

Charlie attended one of the virtual sessions of The Watershed Institute 8<sup>th</sup> Conference in late February, last month and watched a webinar about the development of the Stony Brook Watershed in Mercer County. The presentation covered topics of improving local water quality and enforcing policy decisions for better management of the landscape to preserve and continue protecting the Stony Brook stream in New Jersey. There was a future roadmap the presenters covered as well which was interesting to the committee members as well. All topics covered at the conference are online for people to watch to educate themselves on local and current environmental issues facing our state and strategies for future protection in the age of climate change.

#### Social Media Update from Toni Farmer

No social media update from Toni Farmer this month. She will report on an update at the April monthly meeting.

#### Monthly Report by James Barry – MEAC Liaison

James was not present at the March meeting. He will report more about township updates in the April meeting.

#### Open Space Advisory Committee – Barbara Rich

Trucksess family has finally met with Burlington County officials and will be soon making appraisal arrangements for OSAC in the following month to sell property alongside Boundary Creek Park.

#### Public Comments

Henry made a comment to the committee about the continued updates for climate preparations for Moorestown Township. Emphasizes the importance of updating our emergency response skills and protecting resources from future unforeseen climate impacts.

**Next Meeting:** April 16th, 2025