

MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 19th, 2022, 7:00 P.M. @ Library Room B.

PRESENT: Joan Ponessa, Chris Salvatico, George Gravenstine, Steve Toniatti, James Barry, Barbara Rich, Nancy Jamanow & Quinton Law.

MINUTES: Approved. Moved by Barb and seconded by George.

HANDOUTS: Joan provided a handout that included the agenda, last month's minutes, the MEAC Charter, MEAC's Issues of Concern, and a printout of MEAC's website space.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

Longo. ZBA#2019-34A: Block 4403, Lots 4 & 5. 205-209 Chester Avenue. The applicant is seeking a use variance to permit conversion of an existing mixed-use building to a fully residential use consisting of six (6) apartments. The lot coverage will decrease from 11,496 S.F. (72.5%) to 11,165 S.F. (70.5%) due to the reduction in driveway area. Joan attended the staff meeting for this application. Fred Turek from Turek Consulting presented a list of 27 comments including snowplow and municipal waste pick-up accessibility, soil testing compliance, reducing the number of existing parking spaces (21) to reduce impervious cover, lighting, and the inspection and clean out of the sewer inlet. MEAC has additional time to review before this application is heard by the Zoning Board again.

Manor Hill Contracting Services. ZBA#2021-38 & ZBA#2021-39: Block 4400/22, 17 and 19 E, 2nd Street, & Block 4400/20 and 21, 23 and 25 E. 2nd Street. Both these applications are for the renovation of two separate duplex structures. Work includes building extensions, parking improvements and garages. The Township has not yet received updated plans for this application. MEAC will review when new plans become available.

The Enclave at Moorestown. PB#2022-16: Block 8801, Lot 3.01. This application proposes a 60-unit townhouse and 16-unit stacked affordable residential development, roadways and associated stormwater management system. The 297 parking spaces provided by the project include garage and driveway parking spaces, as well as visitor spaces scattered throughout the site located on Centerton Road. The Township has not yet received the Phase I report and it was noted that the plans may change as well. MEAC will have more opportunities to review since the application probably will not be heard before August.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (ERI): Joan, Barb, Nancy and Chris held a status call with Mel Musie (DVRPC) on May 6th. Mel provided a few working drafts of some of the maps as well as a table depicting a working schedule. Chris provided Mel with a few sections that were ready to be compiled into the document. James Barry reported that getting information showing top businesses by employee numbers was not permitted under existing law. Recent work includes historic resources, churches, and schools. The next status call with DVRPC is scheduled for June 3rd at 11:00 A.M.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Quinton updated the Committee on Council matters. He mentioned that a budget meeting has taken place and there are no tax increases planned for the coming year. Quinton mentioned dates for upcoming events such as Moorestown Day (June 4th), Strawbridge Lake Kayak and Paddleboard Race (June 11th) and the monthly food truck events (every 2nd Thursday through the summer). He also mentioned that the seeding of the STEM Pollinator Garden at Swedes Run has been completed and the purchase of the Flying Feather Farm Garwood Road property has been approved. The Township is in the process of acquiring the Pulverizing Services property on New Albany Road to be used for possible commercial development with roof solar. The Lenola project is waiting on final approval from the State DOT and will require a 6-month construction schedule starting in the Summer. Quinton reported there are plans to do a temporary overlay on East Main Street to prevent further degradation before the work of replacing the water main can begin. Finally, there was discussion on the Township's Year of the Environment campaign which will include sustainable food issues and the importance of clean air and water.

OPEN SPACE: The "Take a Hike" brochures have been received (700 copies) and many have been distributed. More will be distributed at Moorestown Day and at the Kayak Race. The purchase of the Flying Feather Farm Garwood Road property will be complete in July.

POTPOURRI: Joan spoke to the need to keep MEAC's section of the Township website more up to date. Nancy suggested that if MEAC wishes to have information placed on the website, provide the information to her and she will give to Kelly for her to place on the website. Further discussion about updating MEAC's charter to be more targeted may help with the current confusion for when the Committee receives documentation for applications before the Planning and Zoning Boards. Joan provided a list of the topics that MEAC has commented on in the past to help the Committee understand what we are expected to do. There was also discussion about how to educate landscapers about the pitfalls of mulch mounding (volcanoes) around tree trunks. Possible solutions include alerts on the Township website and Facebook pages and correspondence with the Landscapers Association. Barb asked about the status of requiring basin maintenance reports being submitted to the Township. Nancy reported that they do receive some, but the general letters based on MEAC's basin work have not yet been sent out. Finally, ANJEC will highlight STEM's pollinator activities in their next magazine issue.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next following standard meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 P.M. in Library Meeting Room B.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M. Moved by Chris and seconded by Barb.

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Salvatico, Secretary.