

MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, September 17th. 7:00 PM @ University Room - Moorestown Library

PRESENT: Coriell, Charles; Balikov, Henry; Rich, Barbara; Barry, James

ABSENT: Patel, Amit; Farmer, Toni

GUEST: Richards, Pamala; STEM (members): Salvatico, Chirs; Pensiero, Mark; Lopresti, Colleen; Ponessa, Joan; Schnorr, Besty; Township Guest: Gill, Damian

INTRODUCTION OF STEM TO MEAC'S MEETING:

Chairperson of MEAC, Charlie Coriell, gave an introduction to the STEM members present at the meeting by giving an overview of what MEAC does and the primary role the committee has within the township. Charlie welcomed members of STEM and opened the floor for potential future collaboration next year. Mark Pensiero, Chairperson of STEM talked about their committee and how they can get involved in a partnership in the future.

PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS FOR REVIEW:

Proposed Revised Site Plan_ZBA#2023-17P&F, Mathoan Gas #9, 401 Mt. Laurel Road, Block 6305, Lots 1 & 2

Knowles Property (425 East Linden St) - Preliminary Major Subdivision Unit

MEAC has recently received copies of the Mathoan Gas project along 401 Mt. Laurel Road and Rt 38 in the past few months, however the developer came back to the table to provide an updated copy of the final plans. The committee believes that this project is incomplete due to reasons of the developer/applicant not having a designated stormwater management plan along with other details on page 3 around the proposed property. There is a question about the delineation of the wetland boundary on this property as well that is not determined currently.

The other project for review at tonight's meeting was the Knowles property at 425 East Linden Street. Henry raised a special concern about the proposed stormwater management plan with the number of basins proposed by the developer. Given that the township and MEAC has been attempting to find a compromise to the ongoing basin management problem, it will be more difficult to account for these basins on 425 East Linden Street as well.

Barbara Rich raised concerns about the soil profiles along the property in respect to the water table on site.

NOISE ORDINANCE/GEESE MANAGEMENT REPORT BY DAMIAN GILL

Damian gave a report to both MEAC and STEM on current geese populations and several management strategies in the township. There is an update on the nesting of geese around the township and points were made on how that number is fluctuating in 2024. One new idea that Damian would potentially explore more is for a tri-county geese management group for a better understanding of their populations and access to data.

The other report Damian briefed both committees on is the new noise ordinance proposed by the township. Essentially, this ordinance was designed due to some complaints of residents saying noise levels around the town are too loud and that the township will modify hours of when construction and vehicle use will occur. The ordinance was not approved at its current state, but updates on the ordinance will be reported in future MEAC meetings.

CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS UPDATES - CHARLIE & HENRY

Charlie brought up the idea at previous meetings to create a flier or infographic on how our township can be prepared for future climate-related events to both STEM and MEAC members. He suggested turning the flier into a brief guideline document that residents can refer to in preparation of future extreme weather events.. Other STEM members commented on the idea and shared resources that could be implemented to create the guideline plan. One topic in relation to environmental issues that the majority of STEM and MEAC agreed upon was analyzing metrics to understand our townships carbon footprint.

MONTHLY TOWNSHIP REPORT - JAMES BARRY:

James Barry commented on a property being developed that is being worked out by township officials to adhere to an ordinance based on a companies rehabilitation order. More details to follow in future meetings. There has been a change in the alcohol ordinance as well that would allow retail distribution use in designated spots around the township. A grant was proposed to

redo the Wesley Bishop ball parks off church road by a developer. James will have more details on this topic soon. Lastly, there was an update about the township's water line project that is projected to be completed in the next three years.

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT - BARBRA RICH

No updates from the Open Space Advisory Committee by Barbara this meeting*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Both STEM and MEAC members were in agreement for potential future partnerships on projects in the coming years. More discussions on this topic could be included in upcoming meetings.