

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom Teleconference)
April 24, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ron Mc Bride, at 7:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Open Public Meeting proclamation was read. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
2. In attendance: Ron Mc Bride, Trish Jankaukas, Chris Manno, Norm Lenchitz, Tara Waterhouse, Fiore Copare, and Eileen O'Hara.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting: ***motion to approve by Trish, 2nd by Norm, all in favor.***
4. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Farmland Preservation Update – Eileen
 - T. Mihalecz – estate issues resolved, should settle soon.
 - Stephens – state liaison, Katie Mazzella contacted his attorney, no response yet.
 - Sparks – application at the state level, sorting out exception area questions with the owner.
 - JWP – application still on hold pending resolution of family issues.
 - Lisar – 45.6 acres on Morton, will be a state easement because the farm is in 2 counties.
 - b. Green Acres/Open Space Update – none
 - c. Report on Area Meetings, Training, Events – April is the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day. Ron and Norm pointed out some of the positive outcomes since its inception.
 - d. Newspaper Articles – None
 - e. Elmer Lake Fishing Line Container – Ron cleaned on 4/23/23, some trash and 113.7g of line. Ron reported that the other tube on state property is being maintained.
 - f. Pittsgrove Day: May 20, 2023
 - i. No Native Species Exhibit
 - ii. South Jersey Nature Club – not currently active
 - iii. South Jersey Gas (not this year)
 - iv. 8 Exhibit Booth Spaces and Tents – reserved.
 - v. Green Pittsgrove EC Logo Tote Bags – should have 200 more by 5/8
 - vi. 1 Rain Barrel and 3 Composters – on hand for giveaways
 - vii. Environmental Education Literature Handouts – Ron found online.
 - viii. SJ Land and Water Trust – Ron will contact about literature or attending.
 - ix. Clean Communities booth + Ag Advisory in PTEC booth
 - x. Schalick High Interact Club – Ron will contact Paul about attending.
 - xi. Kestrel Project – Norm got 50 brochures and 50 calendars of their events.
 - g. Quarterly road cleanup – tabled until next meeting.

- h. Radon Awareness Program (RAP) – Eileen, about 100 kits for Pittsgrove Day. Norm is working on a report of tested kits and hopes to have something to display.
 - i. Giordano Recycling – This issue is tabled for now.
 - j. Pittsgrove Signage Update – Eileen said the signs are ready and will be picked up this week.
 - k. Tire Amnesty – tabled, no market for processing now.
 - l. PTEC Zoom meetings will continue moving forward.
 - m. Brush Clearing at Green Branch Park – Norm said it looks beautiful, he also suggested Washington Lake Park for walking, many other amenities available for the public to use.
 - n. Intercoastal Waterway Cleanup – Norm suggested Garden Road, but this area is sponsored by a family. Eileen will check with Barb to see if they're still active since the area needs cleanup. Place and time to be determined.
6. New Business:
- April 26th Township Committee meeting will have a resolution on the agenda honoring B & B Poultry for their work keeping Pittsgrove beautiful. Norm contacted Mark Fisher to have a rep attend Pittsgrove Day to receive this honor.
7. Planning Board Update: Eileen forwarded the membership the agenda for the 4/25/23 meeting.
8. Correspondence: Letter from the warehouse developers' lawyers regarding the special meeting scheduled for 5/2/23 via Zoom. Eileen will email the information to the commission in the morning.
9. Member Roundtable: Norm thanked Mayor Copare for his work reducing truck traffic and speed on Crow Pond and he called the Sheriff's office to thank them too. Ron said digital signs are making a difference on Gershal too. The mayor stated that this work has been going on for months, state police have stopped violators and word is getting out. More work needs to be done to keep this traffic issue in check.
10. Public Comments: None
11. Budget: Crestline quote corrected to reflect tax exemption status.
12. Adjournment: 8:19 p.m. ***Motion to adjourn by Trish, 2nd by Norm, all in favor.***

NEXT MEETING IS MAY 22, 2023