

MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 16th, 2023, 7:00 P.M. @ Library Room A.

PRESENT: Joan Ponessa, Chris Salvatico, Henry Balikov, Stephen Jaffe, George Gravenstine, Barbara Rich & Nicole Gillespie. Guests: Susan Gilman (Sustainable Moorestown)

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

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (ERI): Joan and Chris gave an update on the progress of the ERI. Chris had a call on Monday, February 13th with Mel from DVRPC to go over any outstanding questions on our last batch of comments. Mel also confirmed she will be able to give a presentation to Town Council at the February 27th Council meeting. This presentation will act as a formal introduction to Council of the ERI. The final ERI is to be expected to be presented to Council in either late March or early April. Joan and Barb have been working on a list of those who should receive a hard copy of the document. Under contract, MEAC will receive 35 hard copies. Additional copies may run from \$15 to \$25 each depending on the final length of the document.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

McLean Packaging Corp. PB#2022-29: Block 301, Lots 2, 3, 4. 1504 Glen Avenue. The applicant proposes to construct a 52,850 SF industrial building addition, a paved loading area, and associated improvements. No new news on this application.

Moorestown Family Apartments PB#2021-33F: Block 7401, Proposed Lot 1.02. Borton Landing Road. The applicant is seeking land use approvals for the construction of a mixed income development consisting of 76 affordable family apartments and 76 market rate units. The project includes a community building, athletic court and playground, stormwater management facilities, landscape buffers and lighting. This application will be heard in March. MEAC has previously formulated concerns for this application, but the application and plans have been updated since that time. MEAC had the following questions / concerns:

- Where on the property will school buses pick up students?
- The Stormwater Management Report (dated Revised November 2022) lists 6 basins on pages 6 and 7. Basins 1A, 1B, 2, 3, WQ-1, & WQ-2. The Site Plans (dated January 6, 2023) show only 5 basins (Basins 1A, 1B, 2, 3, & WQ-1).
- The Phase II report (dated January 5, 2023) states that out of six sample locations one had an elevated reading for arsenic (above NJDEP criteria). The applicant utilized compliance averaging to determine if further remediation was necessary. As a result of this, the applicant concluded no further investigation is necessary. However, the client then states that “...sites proposed to be converted to residential, schools, or daycares should conduct an investigation to determine if residual pesticide impacts are present. TTI recommends any future owners of the site obtain a Response Action Outcome (RAO) documenting the site abided by NJDEPHAP guidance.” It is MEAC’s understanding that this site is currently being developed as Residential and asks why future investigation is not occurring before the site is developed rather than by any future owners?

Church of God Prophecy PB#2023-13: Block 1301, Proposed Lots 5,6,7. 32 New Albany Road. The applicant is looking for approval to better define and improve the parking area at an existing church. After reviewing the plans MEAC had no comments.

“YEAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT” AND WATER PROJECTS: Joan mentioned that MEAC is interested in working on new water-related projects in the coming year. With the letters being sent out to all basin owners in town (87) it would be a good time to organize an educational session to help people understand their basins and the need for upkeep. MEAC would also like to focus on both drinking water and wastewater. In particular, use and capacity as well as hardening the wastewater treatment facility to storm surge events.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Nicole reported that the Township is seeking a planning grant to hire a consultant to help develop a Historic Preservation ordinance. Dam repair on the King’s Highway dam took place, but all the dams on the lake need extensive work and this will be costly, but necessary. Nicole also mentioned that the Township manager is working on developing a set of criteria to outline MEAC’s role and duties. MEAC will be given an opportunity to review and offer their own suggestions as well as update their charter.

OPEN SPACE REPORT: Barb reported that there is no news on Trucksess. Open Space is going to develop a child-focused educational trail display. More information will follow as the program is better developed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Susan Gilman who is a member of Sustainable Moorestown spoke about her efforts on developing a Town-wide survey focusing on many environmental topics including energy, waste, water, transportation, conservation / environment, and people. She also gave a status update on Sustainable’s Adopt a Drain program.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next following standard meeting will be scheduled for Thursday March 16th at 7:00 P.M. in a Library meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. Moved by Henry and seconded by Barb.

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Salvatico, Secretary.