

MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 20th, 2021 7:00 P.M. @ Virtual MS Teams.

PRESENT: Joan Ponessa, Barb Rich, Chris Salvatico, George Gravenstine, Jennifer Otter, Stephen Jaffe, Brian Thomas, Rakesh Gupta, Quinton Law, & Nancy Jamanow. Guests: Bill Barker (Chair-Planning Board but attending as citizen).

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Joan reported on the happenings of the May 18th Zoning Board meeting. She reported that there was a lively discussion on the topics of stormwater, flooding in town and the difficulty of getting necessary reports and other documents. She encouraged MEAC members to listen to the recording of the meeting.

MOORESTOWN STORMWATER ORDINANCE: Joan reported that she had a discussion with Michael Pisauro, Policy Director for the Watershed Institute where he highlighted excerpts from a conference presentation that he made recently concerning the Watershed Institute's Enhanced Model ordinance that we have discussed and used as a basis for our Committee's Moorestown's proposal. Joan previously sent an email with this information to the group. Joan also mentioned that Haddonfield has petitioned the NJ Supreme Court to review the previous ruling against them concerning their updates to their SWM Ordinance.

Nancy spoke to Joe Maguire (Chair, Zoning Board) about the creation of informational material on SW that can be given to potential applicants.

The next step is Chris stated that he will send out the group's current changes in context to everyone for their review and comment. Chris will then compile any changes or updates and resend to the group for their review. Next meeting, we will have a discussion and vote on if we submit changes to Town Council for their review.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

OPEX Corporation. PB#2021-11: Block 502, Lots 9 & 11, 835 Lancer Drive & 301 Commerce Drive. The applicant proposes to expand the parking area and add SWM facilities. The group reviewed the applicant's updated submission and have a couple remaining comments. While the applicant did list when inspections on the basins will be done there was no mention when/if these inspection reports will be submitted to the Township. We would like to have that stated. The group would also like to know the capacity of the SW system in the area. There were calculations in the SWM report, but these appeared to be for the project area only. MEAC understands that this information might be better supplied by the township engineer. It was also suggested that the Township should investigate a possible ordinance to require environmental reports for all major developments rather than only those involving properties that change hands.

Reconstructive Orthopedics. PB#2021-16: Block 3207, Lot 7, 300 Route 38. Minor site plan with variances. This application will be heard by the Planning Board in July. New plans will be

submitted to the Township and MEAC will be given an opportunity to review them. MEAC's previous comments were as follows: The drainage direction does not seem to be clear on the plans provided. Since this is a building rehab is there an asbestos removal plan? The fountain grasses listed in the planting plan are considered invasive. Can they be replaced by native plantings?

Lockheed Martin. ZBA#2021-12: Block 6700, Lot 10, 199 Borton Landing Road. The applicant proposes the addition of two structures as well as SWM detention facilities. This application was heard by the Zoning Board on May 18th. The application passed with provisions but prompted a lively discussion among the board members about stormwater in general. Joan submitted MEAC's comments as individuals rather than as a group for this project.

BASINS: Nancy is continuing to review the list from Joan and compare it to the list she has for any discrepancies. She emailed her efforts to date to the group for their reference. Pennoni, our Township Engineer has requested the GIS files for the group's mapping efforts for this project. It was agreed that we would supply them once the list has been reviewed and any changes have been made. Joan mentioned the need to locate and repair the two Township-owned basins on the Route 38 side of Strawbridge lake. Nancy asked if we could locate those for her. There was discussion of these basins as part of the Strawbridge Lake's 5-year plan. Quinton will email a copy of the plan to the group for their reference.

SWEDES RUN: Quinton reported that an amendment would be needed to the previously approved Council Resolution in order to update the funding numbers. This should happen in the next couple Council meetings. Planting will begin in the Fall.

OPEN SPACE: Barb reported on the happenings of the Open Space Committee. They are designing interpretive sign(s) honoring Debbie Lord to be located at the Pompeston Creek Open Space. Exact location(s) to be determined. They are also developing updated signage for Water Works Woods. She reported on a possible encroachment on the trail at Farrago Farms Open Space. Nancy will have the inspector investigate. A new printing of the "Take a Hike" brochure is needed, and Barb was asking the group if it is better to wait until other open spaces in progress are secured or print now? Chris suggested a smaller run on prints so they will be on-hand for the Burlington County Farmer's Market.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next following standard meeting will be scheduled for Thursday June 17th at 7:00 P.M. on MS Teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M. Moved by Chris and seconded by Jennifer.

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Salvatico, Secretary.