

MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 15th, 2023, 7:00 P.M. @ Library Room A.

PRESENT: Joan Ponessa, Chris Salvatico, Henry Balikov, George Gravenstine, Barbara Rich, Stephen Jaffe & Nicole Gillespie.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (ERI): Chris has a phone call with Mel on Monday, May 12th. The purpose of the call was to discuss pending edits to the two-page maps created by MEAC as well as discuss the publication schedule. Mel stated that all the reviews are in except for the final Director's review that will take place after she has completed implementing all edits. Chris made all necessary edits to the two-page maps and sent updated versions back to DVRPC on May 13th. The new release schedule is set for June 27th to be available for the July 10th Council meeting. This date may be pushed to the July 24th Council meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

353 Crider Avenue PB#2023-24: Block 701, Lot 3. Crider Avenue. The applicant is proposing to pave 38,199 SF of existing gravel and grass area which will result in a net impervious coverage of 4,175 SF. The existing building, sidewalk, parking lot, loading area, and utilities are all to remain with no change. This application has not yet been scheduled, but MEAC gave a preliminary review. MEAC's concerns are the applicant's assertion that the compacted soils should be considered impervious and therefore paving the area should not count as an additional impervious surface. While it is true that compacted soils are not as pervious as uncompacted soils there is still a measure of pervious to it that would be lost by paving. Additional concerns are the presence of any possible contaminates in the soil due to years of truck and car use. The site presently has two stormwater easements at the rear of the property, but these easements will only capture around two-thirds of the stormwater on site. The remainder sheet flows towards Crider Avenue and as shown on the contouring will flow towards the SW away from the existing stormwater inlet which is situated just NE of the property. The current water quality of the existing flow should also be considered.

CHARTER FOR MEAC: The matter of answering the Planning Board's letter of last month concerning MEAC's role was discussed. The committee developed a preliminary set of criteria that both the Planning and Zoning Boards can use when submitting plans for MEAC review. The criteria developed are as follows and do not apply to single-family residential applications and are not in a particular order:

- All Major project applications should be sent to MEAC for review (major as being defined in current code)
- Any application that has a use or bulk variance that results in a change in surface area perviousness, and / or a change in use that has an environmental aspect to it (i.e., storage / use of chemicals, increase in truck or transport activity, increase in noise, residential to commercial etc.)
- Any application that has a stormwater management element.

- Any application that triggers a Phase II environmental study
- Any application that abuts or affects wetlands, floodplains, waterways, or municipal-owned properties

“YEAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT” AND WATER PROJECTS: Joan provided the Committee with several printed brochures concerning water, lanternfly control, and mulch volcanoes. She asked that people pass them out when the opportunity arises. There will be additional events during the summer and fall where they can be used as well. Barb stated that STEM will pay for copies of the water wheel. Numbers and cost are still to be determined. The Township was awarded a grant for \$50,000 to be used to map all the Township inlets. These dollars will most likely need to be augmented once a cost is determined.

OPEN SPACE REPORT: Barb reported that the State DEP has released new flood hazard rules.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Nicole reported that the Council approved an ordinance and bond issuance appropriating monies for a feasibility study for the implementation of a hydrothermal carbonized sludge processing system at the wastewater treatment plant. They also approved an ordinance and bond issue for money for preliminary engineering for the replacement of the Kings Highway water main.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next following standard meeting will be scheduled for Thursday July 20th at 7:00 P.M. in a Library meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Moved by Henry and seconded by George.

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Salvatico, Secretary.