

# MOORESTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

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**DATE:** Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00 P.M. @ Virtual MS Teams.

**PRESENT:** Joan Ponessa, Barb Rich, Chris Salvatico, Jennifer Otter, Stephen Jaffe, Rakesh Gupta, Quinton Law & Nancy Jamanow.

**MINUTES:** Approved. Moved by Chris and seconded by Jennifer.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Sustainable Moorestown asked about the schedule for updating the ERI as the points for this effort will expire in 2023 and is a “priority item”. Joan reported that updating the ERI is a goal for the Committee after the work on the stormwater ordinance is complete. Joan asked the Committee to review the existing ERI and be prepared to discuss it at our next meeting. Nancy had several hard copies she made available to anyone who needed one.

**MOORESTOWN STORMWATER ORDINANCE:** After review, Nancy had several follow-up questions about the updated ordinance and sent the Committee an email outlining them on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Below are the questions and answers as decided during the meeting:

- Q1: Are there other examples that can be given for the green infrastructure examples? I believe many residents will not know what green infrastructure is and a couple of examples and maybe illustrations may be helpful.
- A1: The Committee intends to develop an informational brochure or packet that will be made available to applicants as well as to the general public outlining stormwater best practices. During the discussion it was determined that *Table 5: LID and Green Infrastructure BMP for Minor Development* was a bit confusing. Chris will rework the table and send to Nancy for inclusion into the final document.
- Q2: Item (4) variances – who grants the variance? This should be better explained.
- A2: It was decided that the Municipal Engineer reviewing the application would have the authority to grant variances. The text “...as determined by the Municipal Engineer” will be added to the text in Section E, number (4).
- Q3: Item (5) – any idea on the amount for the Township Engineer’s review?
- A3: Jennifer volunteered to research other Municipalities to determine what a fair and reasonable fee would be. This fee would not be added to the SW Ordinance but will need to be added to the Fee Ordinance.
- Q4: Who from the Committee will be presenting this to Council?
- A4: Joan as Chairperson will take the lead in presenting the document to Council. The current plan is to make the updated Ordinance available to Council for discussion on August 9<sup>th</sup> with a possible introduction in September. This will include a short document outlining the proposed changes and the reasons for doing so.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:**

**Moorestown Family Apartments LLC. PB#2021-33:** Block 7401, Lots 1 & 2 (proposed lot 1.02). Preliminary and Final site plans. This application concerns the development of 152 dwelling units contained in 13 separate buildings. There will also be a leasing office and club house building as well as a maintenance building for a total of 15 buildings on site. In addition, there are total of 309

parking spaces proposed on-site. Of the units, 50% will be allocated to Low and Moderate income with the remaining 50% to be market value.

After review, MEAC has the following comments:

- The basin nomenclature varies on some of the sheets. This should be standardized.
- The three basins along Borton Landing Road all have their Broadcrested Weirs out letting towards the roadway. This can cause flooding issues during high storm events and should be revised.
- No Environmental Phase I was included in the packet that MEAC was given. Nancy will look to make sure one was received from the client and will make it available to the full Committee.
- The pipe exiting the south-western most basin goes underneath Borton Landing Road and exits in front of a residence. It is recommended this pipe be diverted to connect at Salem Crossing Road.

## **PREVIOUS APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

**Reconstructive Orthopedics. PB#2021-16:** Block 3207, Lot 7, 300 Route 38. Minor site plan with variances. This was approved by the Planning Board.

**BASINS:** In progress. No update.

**SWEDES RUN:** The first mowing was complete and the second will take place towards the end of the month. At that time an herbicide will be added as well. Joan will email the STEM report on the topic to the entire Committee.

**OPEN SPACE:** Barb reported on the happenings of the Open Space Committee. 1,000 "Take a Hike" brochures are being reprinted. The Kay Smith Waterworks Woods sign is complete and will be installed soon. There will be an outreach session for the open space element of the Master Plan on July 27<sup>th</sup>. "The Hill" property on the corner of Garwood and Westfield will be put before Council in the next couple of weeks. The grant application for Green Acres money for Trucksess was submitted and the Rancocas Conservancy has agreed to put \$200,000 towards the project.

**OTHER ISSUES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Rakesh asked if there were any updates to the Strawbridge Lake project and if this Committee was still going to continue to have a role in it. Joan responded that she agreed that the Committee needs to re-engage and asked Nancy to put discussion of Strawbridge Lake onto the agenda for next meeting.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** The next following standard meeting will be scheduled for Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M. Moved by Chris and seconded by Jennifer.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Chris Salvatico, Secretary.