

**GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING "Grants"
Thursday August 20, 2020**

PUBLIC NOTICE: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act inasmuch as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, N.J.

ROLL CALL: Cynthia Moyano, Matt Fox, Fausto Moyano, Elly Lessin, and Yvonne Hernandez
Members Present: Matt Fox, Cynthia Moyano, Fausto Moyano and secretary Sheri Janoski.
Members absent: Elly Lessin, and Yvonne Hernandez

MINUTES: None

COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LAND USE BOARD UPDATE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pete Sklannik, PhD., introduced himself to the Committee as the Township's Grant Administrator Consultant. Dr. Sklannik explained that his role is to make certain that any grant the Township applies for complies with the grant requirements and has a sufficient scope, budget and schedule to support any proposal developed by Committees such as the Environmental Committee.
- Dr. Sklannik asked the Committee if any concepts or proposals were developed for discussion. Since the Committee did not formulate any proposals, Dr. Sklannik offered two ideas to the Committee in addition to the previous three he provided the Committee back on August 5th (turbidity control, bank stabilization, sediment control basins).

PROJECT IDEA #1:

- Dr. Sklannik suggested that the Township's storm water detention basins be converted to "Rain Gardens" to reduce the ponding of water and direct the runoff into the water table below. Committee Member Fox added that the "horizontal water plane" (vadose zone) ties directly into the Pequest River which fortifies this idea as an approach to improve the water quality for the Pequest River.
- Committee Member Fox also stated this idea would invite the opportunity to clean up the storm water detention basins of accumulated silt and overgrown vegetation, some of which are invasive.
- Environmental Committee needs to put a Scope Plan together for, Cost, Schedules, Testing, Studies and Improvements for the "Rain Gardens"
- Fausto Moyano stated he would like testing done for Water Quality on the Pequest River, Matt Fox stated he would look into environmental companies that offer newer testing for more accurate details for water quality

PROJECT IDEA #2:

- Dr. Sklannik offered up a project idea that provides a "clean environment" for the fishing area on Kennedy Road over the Pequest River (across from the Tranquility General Store). Dr. Sklannik explained that an opportunity exists to install litter containment devices near the banks of the Pequest River and at the same time, construct a "fishing pier" on the inside edge of the bridge to redirect individuals from standing on Kennedy Road, becoming a potential target for a vehicular strike. Dr. Sklannik added that "traffic warning devices" such as solar powered signage urging "SLOW" as well as an illuminated cross walk could be added to this project's scope. Part of the justification for this project is to include an "educational element" detailing the history and importance of the Pequest River via informational plaques adjacent to this fishing spot.
- Environmental Committee will look into the "Sheriff Labor Program" for Clean Ups around the Pequest River

NEXT STEPS

- The Committee will need to make a formal recommendation to the Township Administrator endorsing these two projects. This action should be taken at the next meeting of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Executive Business: None

The next Special Meeting "Grants" is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020@3p.m.

ADJOURN:

At 3:40 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Fausto Moyano, seconded by Matt Fox. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheri Janoski, Secretary

Date

8/20/2020