

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 14, 2019**

The Tewksbury Township Environmental Commission met at a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor and Hope Kaufman, Alt. #1

Absent: Mary Ace, Glenn Likus, Matt Grobert and Michael Schlaefer, Alt. #2.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Chris Teasdale announced that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Municipal Building bulletin board, mailing a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the municipal clerk, all on December 4, 2018.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

**OATHS OF OFFICE/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Mr. Teasdale, Mr. Mackie and Mrs. Kaufman read and signed their oaths of office.

**MINUTES**

- December 10, 2018

The minutes of December 10, 2018 were approved by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mrs. Kaufman. All were in favor.

Referencing the discussion at the December meeting, Mr. Teasdale discussed the opportunity for the Commission to help out at Whittemore. Mrs. Kaufman explained that Whittemore is interested in a clean-up day around Arbor Day or Earth Day and noted that there will also be planting as Back to Nature made a significant donation of native shrubs and trees.

**CLAIM**

- 2019 ANJEC Membership Dues - \$400 (*this includes \$350 for 7 members plus \$50 for 2 additional members. Workshops, webinars and courses are free*).

Mr. Colitti made a motion to approve the claim for \$400 to pay the ANJEC membership dues. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mr. Mackie, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Connor, Mrs. Kaufman and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Mackie made a motion acknowledging receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a) Information from the NJ Urban and Community Forestry regarding the TD Green Space grants (*previously e-mailed*).
- b) Memorandum from Shana Goodchild dated January 11, 2019 re: Block 23, 26.03 driveway.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution No. 19-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Mrs. Kaufman made a motion to adopt the following resolution. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY  
RESOLUTION NO. 19-01**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to the press and other interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Environmental Commission of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Environmental Commission for 2019 is hereby approved.
- 2. The Land Use Administrator is designated as the person responsible for the distribution of the following list of regular meetings and those other than regular meetings to those persons and newspapers that request same.

January 14	July 8
February 11	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 21
May 13	November 18
June 10	December 9

- 3. The Land Use Administrator is also designated as the person responsible for posting the list of regular meetings and notice of any other meetings on the

bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing same in the Municipal Office.

4. The Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under this Act, as it is determined that these are newspapers which would fulfill the requirements of the Act.
5. Requests for notice made by interested persons and news media shall be granted without cost.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Those in Favor: Mr. Colitti, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Teasdale, Mr. Connor and Mrs. Kaufman

Those Opposed: None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Debra Dillon was present and thanked the Commission for forwarding information regarding the grant opportunity and opined that it is exactly the type of grant the Township should consider but acknowledged that it was a tight deadline and a limited amount of funds; she suggested that the Commission pass on that grant and continue looking for other opportunities. Mr. Teasdale reminded members present that the Commission agreed to keep Mrs. Dillon in the loop regarding grant opportunities; she agreed to do the leg work and the Commission would endorse the application. Mrs. Dillon spoke of other grant opportunities with deadlines of late summer/early fall and offered to have an outline to the Commission in May. She then spoke of her meeting with the Parks Committee where she shared some preliminary thoughts on the Oldwick Park property. She explained that Mrs. Kaufman suggested she meet with the head of the Tewksbury Athletic Association (TAA) to discuss their proposals at the Oldwick Park. Mr. Colitti noted that he is on the TAA and Jack Ackerman, the Interim Vice President, is in charge of the Lacrosse program; there has been a proposal and preliminary engineering drawings for the Oldwick fields. He went on to explain that Tewksbury and Readington merged and there is a proposal to eliminate two (2) of the three (3) baseball fields to accommodate a Lacrosse field. He noted that the issue is getting the funds to convert the fields. Mrs. Kaufman explained that the Township Committee approved the TAA raising the funds of approximately \$500,000. Mrs. Dillon opined that, based on the explanation from the Township Administrator, the approval from the Township was very preliminary because there are no fully engineered plans. Mrs. Dillon opined that the Oldwick fields are a good place to incorporate many Township needs such as active and passive recreation and stormwater management; a Township wide survey would be helpful to determine the opinion of the residents. When asked about recommendations for the

survey, Mrs. Kaufman suggested using Survey Monkey. Mr. Teasdale noted that there are many groups within the Township and it may be an effective way to reach people in the community.

Because the meeting between the Township and County still has not happened, Mrs. Dillon indicated that she is going to continue to pursue grant opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding the paving of the Platt driveway and the letter from the Township Engineer to the Superintendent of Public Works.

There being no additional comments or questions from the public, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported that the Land Use Board reorganized on January 2, 2019 and the public hearing scheduled was postponed. He explained that Mr. Marquardt will be back before the Land Use Board at the next meeting with a revised plan for the proposed driveway; it appears that he has made some revisions to the proposal. When asked by Mrs. Dillon if the property behind Mr. Marquardt was before the Board, Mr. Mackie was not aware of that property or any proposed plans.

Mr. Mackie noted that Cellco/Verizon is seeking a modification to a condition of approval related to underground utilities; it may be more invasive to install the utilities underground.

#### ➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Nothing new to report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Colitti reported that the Annual Stream Cleanup is scheduled for April 13, 2019 however the Raritan Headwaters has not hired a new cleanup coordinator yet. He offered to draft an article for the March issue of the Times of Tewksbury. Mrs. Kaufman requested a copy of the article for the Tewksbury Education Foundation communication.

Mr. Teasdale noted that Unicom purchased the Merck property and Mrs. Kaufman reported that Unicom will be using the property as a business incubator. Mr. Teasdale suggested the Commission reach out to Unicom in the future.

Mr. Connor noted that he plans to attend the Effective Commission Member training offered by ANJEC on March 9, 2019 in Bridgewater. Mrs. Kaufman expressed interest in attending. Both agreed to contact Ms. Goodchild about registration.

Mrs. Kaufman noted Roberta Brassard's retirement and suggested sending her a note of thanks. The Commission agreed and Mrs. Kaufman offered to get a card for signature at the February meeting.

Mrs. Kaufman reported that Block 42, Lot 4 (next to Mrs. Dillon's property) went up for sale after the subdivision approval was granted. Mrs. Dillon noted that the 42 acre Chapin property across the street is also for sale. Mr. Teasdale opined that the Tewksbury Land Trust and/or the NJ Conservation Foundation should look into both properties. Mrs. Kaufman suggested that the Commission follow up about the original memo sent to the Land Use Board, Mr. Teasdale recommended that the Commission discuss it at the February meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mrs. Kaufman made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator