



JUNE 1 2001 Dennis Township Environmental Commission Meeting MINUTES

This ZOOM meeting was set up by Dennis Township Manager Jessica Bishop

Present at the meeting in addition to Ms. Bishop were: Bob Penrose (Chairman), Justin Turner (Vice-Chairman), and members Ray Rebmann and Brad Rosenthal,. Members Jim Herlihy, Lisa Salimbene, and Sue Slotterback were absent.

Following roll call, members approved minutes from the May meeting. These will be forwarded for posting on the township website.

Mr. Penrose indicated that there were no guest speakers scheduled and asked anyone with questions for Ralph Cooper, Upper Township Green Team, to forward them to Ralph.

Mr. Turner asked if using commission members on the Green Team might run afoul of the Open Public Records Act regarding meeting attendance. Mr. Penrose indicated he'd forward information he had from Mr. Cooper that might address that question.

There was one letter in the commission mailbox, from the Pinelands Commission regarding the McKaig subdivision application to create a "cluster" development on their Academy Road property. The gist of the letter is that Pinelands is scheduling a hearing pending recording of the deed restriction on the property.

Mr. Penrose, crossover to the Land Use Board, brought members up to date on that board's recent activities.

These include Wawa's ongoing effort to gain approval for a new store with gas pumps on Route 47 in Dennisville. This has been continued to the next Land Use Board meeting.

Mr. Penrose also mentioned The application by Two Brews looking for a use variance for a property on Route 9 near Leamings Run. There is some resistance from neighbors who have hired an attorney to represent them in the matter.

According to Mr. Penrose, the applicant will return to Land Use with a complete site plan. In response to a question from a member, Mr. Penrose indicated that the applicant has not yet purchased the property and will do so if they are given approvals they need to proceed.

Another applicant, Copperwood LLC (on the site of the former Carol's Custard on Route 83) wants to add a food trailer to the existing ice cream business. That matter was also adjourned to the next Land Use meeting.

Moving on, the board discussed the status of the garden at the municipal complex in Dennisville. Mr. Penrose indicated a need to further identify plant species on site and suggested getting name plates to mark plants as they are identified. The plants are presently "looking good" and there has been mowing at the garden. Mr. Penrose also pointed out the need for someone with "artistic ability" to organize beds

Mr. Turner noted that Google Lens is a site that can assist in the identification process. Just take a picture of the plant and the application will identify it. This is a downloadable Google photos application.

Mr. Rebmann advised the commission that ANJEC has awarded DTEC a \$1500 grant to be used for upgrading the garden. Documents regarding disbursement of the funds to the township have been submitted and should be shortly available.

Other topics discussed included commission participation in National Night Out in August. DTEC will be there. Mr. Turner also updated the commission about recycling bags and is still studying options.

Finally, the commission voted to continue Zoom meetings at least until September. There being no other business, Mr. Penrose closed the meeting.