



Dennis Township Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022

DTEC monthly ZOOM meeting, hosted by Dennis Township CFO Jessica Bishop.

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

Vote on approving the February minutes was deferred due to lack of sufficient eligible voting members.

Members expressed thanks to Joseph Zoltowski, from the state Department of Agriculture on his gypsy moth presentation at February's meeting.

There were no guest speakers this month. There was no correspondence. There were no new applications to the township's Land Use Board.

The Pierson application for a cement plant on Ocean View Road, currently tables, will be reviewed at the Land Use Board, with revised plans having been submitted.

Updating the situation at the municipal garden, the Senior Center is looking for a place to have picnics and has inquired about utilizing the garden. Ms. Bishop reported on a grant being developed by the township through AARP to do work at the site to make its use more feasible for the seniors, particularly regarding benches and pathways.

Mr. Turner advised that he'd received a catalog from the Pond Guy and will review it with an eye to purchasing repairs supplies for the existing pond (man-made). A design will be needed for the grant application, according to Ms. Bishop. Not a detailed sketch but something sufficient to provide an idea what the site will look like.

Mr. Penrose noted that raised beds would alleviate weeding issues and would help delineate paths for wheel chair accessibility. He indicated he'd check the EP Henry catalog and help make the sketch. Mr. Turner added that he could help with the grant. Ms. Bishop said she would mail the application form to the commission.

Next item discussed was the tree giveaway for April 30, planned for the municipal garden at the township complex on Dennisville Road.

This year, there being a smaller number of seedlings available (150-200), they will be distributed with no more than five per bundle. Mr. Turner noted that they must be given out with 7-10 days of the distribution date. He will acquire the seedlings for that date.

Mr. Penrose advised that a garden party would take place at 10 o'clock of the 30th. The commission will have a sign in sheet and take photos of the event. The museum will serve as an alternative location for seedling pick-up

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The bags from Kel-Tex was next on the agenda and Mr. Rebmann Bishop had signed the payment authorization which has been submitted to the vendor. He hopes to hear from Kel-Tex before the April meeting.

In member comments, Mr. Turner advised the commission about a new law in effect statewide, regarding motor vehicle interactions with pedestrians, bike riders, on road shoulders. If there is a second lane, the motorist should move over, if not allow a four foot clearance with the shoulder of the road or at least slow down to 25 miles per hour.

There being no other business, Mr. Penrose closed the meeting.

