



**Dennis Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Held via Zoom
May 7, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Penrose called the meeting to order and called roll.

Present:

Bob Penrose

Justin Turner

Brad Rosenthal

Sue Slotterback

Scott Turner was also present.

Absent:

Jim Herlihy

Lisa Salimbene

Ray Rebmann

March minutes approved Motioned by Ms.Slotterback with a Second from Mr. Rosenthal.
The April meeting did not have a quorum and therefore no minutes exist.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Penrose stated that there were no guests this evening but that Ralph Cooper had attended the April meeting (no quorum) and mentioned an event at ACCC. Ms. Slotterback indicated that she attended the meeting held at ACCC about trees and indicated that the program was excellent and recommended that we all attend if there is another event.

The ACCC event discussed tree cutting legality and a new tree ordinance being promoted by the State of New Jersey regarding limits on tree cutting and requiring replacement or fines for trees removed. Mr Penrose indicated that in Dennis Township commercial development is limited in their tree removal. Residential properties are not limited unless protective covenants in deeds exist.

No new correspondence.

Land Use Board update from Mr. Penrose:

- Property on Route 9, previously a Service Master, now selling golf carts. They also store golf carts. New application approved for similar use.
- Swans, who work with Horseshoe Crab Blood looking to build a small storage building for supplies. Approved.
- DeRoses, R3 zone, across from Bishop McHugh. 3 acre lot minimum wanted to subdivide into two lots. Applicants tabled application due to questions and comments by land use board members.
- May 23 meeting, Walters on Kings Highway, R3 Zone. They want to build a storage building and two dwellings.

Old Business

Identifying plants along woods walk near the community garden for signage.

New Business

Justin Turner would like the Commission to coordinate a cleanup event somewhere as a community outreach effort to increase engagement and maybe identify some new Board members. Mr. Penrose suggested that the Clean Communities Program may be able to help facilitate the event with equipment and bags. It was discussed that Beaver Dam Road may be a good location.

Justin Turner and Ms. Slotterback mentioned that the Littoral Society is conducting horseshoe crab tagging along the Delaware Bay shoreline at sunset near the full and new moons. Contact the Littoral Society for more details.

Justin Turner suggested that volunteers are needed for seal rescue and protection this time of year. Contact the Marine Mammal Stranding Center for more details.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Slotterback with a second from Justin Turner. 6:03pm