

October 13, 2016

The October 13, 2016 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Ruth Pante, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were Ruth Pante, Glenn Todd, James McMekin and Township Committeeman Joseph Watters. Excused were Robert Jewel, Dawn Smith and Elaine Drazek. A workshop meeting was held in the absence of a quorum.

Environmental Issues

There are no known brownfield properties in Mansfield Township; Pyronics has been bought by Warren County. There is open land at the back of Mansfield Village apartments, no environmental issues.

Mr. Watters questioned the activity by Mr. Gural on the Rt. 57 farm he leases from a doctor; this property has 3,680 tons of leaves. Ms. Fascenelli suggested that Mr. Watters call Kevin Cavotta at the County Health Department office or contact Joe Davies at the State offices. Composting is not allowed on preserved farmland, but the possibility of a Class C permit was questioned; application would have to be made to the state.

Robert Jewel has been appointed liaison representative to the Open Space Committee. Commission members questioned why Mr. Todd was not considered for that appointment since he had served as liaison in the past.

2016 ANJEC Grant / Photo Contest

Mr. Glenn understands the rules for the photo contest, but he suggested the photos ultimately become state property and the state can do as it wishes with the prints. He questioned the obligations under the grant.

Ms. Fascenelli explained there are agreements, and if involved in the contest, the entrant is obligated to comply. Mr. Todd disagrees with this procedure.

Meadows at Mansfield

Meadows has applied for water permits. American Water cannot prove they can supply the water, thus no permits. There is much limestone on that property. Ms. Fascenelli said the Township cannot anticipate tax money, nothing is in hand. With no water and sewer, development is limited.

Mr. McMekin said there is over 200 ppm CO₂ measured at the Rt. 57 entry which is against local issues. With the changes in greenhouse effect, this must be considered. Martin's Creek emitted more than all of NJ, and the facility has now been converted to natural gas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth A. Pante

**Next meeting date:
November 10, 2016**