

March 12, 2015

The March 12, 2015 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ruth Pante, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976. Present were Robert Jewell, Elaine Drazek, Jim McMekin, Glenn Todd, Ruth Pante and Township Committee liaison Joseph Watters. Dawn Smith was excused. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes

Mr. Watters noted that in the fifth paragraph covering the ash borer education workshop the NJ forester is identified as Jim Matthews, when in fact his name is Tim Matthews. Also, in the first paragraph Michael Misertino is not identified as a Township Committeeman. Mr. Jewell MOVED to accept and approve the minutes with these corrections, seconded by Ms. Drazek. All in favor.

Correspondence

Heath Village LOI request, with no specific regulated activities intended. Commission members had no comments.

ANJEC Grant Application

The draft application prepared by Ms. Smith was reviewed by Commission members. A few minor corrections should be made: Ruth Pante is Chair of the Environmental Commission and Joseph Watters is the first Township Committee Liaison Chair; the Municipal Manager/Administrator is Township Clerk Dena Hrebenak; Charles Daniel is Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer and his e-mail address needs to be corrected. Mr. Jewell MOVED to forward the draft Resolution and application to the Township Committee after corrections are made and confirmation the Recreation Committee has endorsed the application, seconded by Mr. McMekin. All in favor.

Watershed Ambassadors Program

Ms. Smith has coordinated this educational program with the Musconetcong Watershed Association and local Scout groups that will be held Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building. Ms. Drazek will be attending this presentation as an Environmental Commission member.

MWA

The next several weekends there will be river walk training conducted by the MWA. Teams are trained to record data and gather information for MWA to record the status and health records of the river.

Emerald Ash Borer

Mr. McMekin reported this program is set for March 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building. The speaker will be John Cambridge.

Moth Night

July 22 is Moth Night, coordinating with Liberty Township. This program will be on a smaller scale than the 2014 effort, and it will be confined to Liberty Township. Blaine Rothauser will headline the event again this year.

Earth Day

Ms. Drazek reported she is working with the art teacher who wants to teach recycling. T-shirts, one winner from each grade (K-6) will be awarded as prizes.

Mr. Todd reported the flickers and the bluebirds have returned, but no tree swallows yet.

At 8:15 p.m. the Environmental Commission meeting adjourned and was turned over to the Green Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante

Next meeting date:
April 9, 2015