

Environmental Commission Board Meeting – June 14th 2022

Call to Order by Chair

Open Public Meeting Notice read by Commission Lawyer

Pledge of Legion and Moment of Silence led by Chairwoman Seemuller

Roll Call taken by Commission Secretary – See the table on page 3

Adoption of Minutes – May 10th, 2022 were adopted; see vote on page 3

Public Hearings:

1. Greyhound Lines – Six Buses a day at Rt73 Clarion Hotel
 - a. Prior approval now requesting variance for new proposal – Bus terminal not permitted on site but had previous approval. Seeking new approval for the bus terminal on site
 - b. Minor signage requested but no structure associated
 - c. Additional car traffic should not impact the run off as no new pervious space is requested
 - d. Mass Transit is recommended by the Environmental Commission as it reduces the number of cars on the road
2. Laurel Green 3 – located behind Prospectors off of Rt38 – 6.5 acre site
 - a. New development where applicant is offering more 3 bedroom at low to moderate income supporting the fair share housing initiative
 - b. Applicant submitted environmental impact study – site is woodland/farmland
 - i. Any residue pesticides?
 - ii. Recommend phase 1 testing be completed
 - iii. Test for historic fill (Laurel green 1 & 2 have historical fill)
 - iv. Applicant states they are in compliance with tree removal & replacement ordinance. EC requests more detail on how they are in compliance.
 - v. Can the commission recommend where tree replacement occurs within town?
 - vi. Storm water management – DEP’s preliminary storm water management improvements will need to be met by this applicant
 - vii. LOI (Letter of Intent) needs to be issued

Open Discussion:

1. Tree City USA
 - a. Commission Lawyer Ron Cucchiaro advised that proposal is still with council for evaluation as there is a financial obligation to the application
 - b. Gina Cohl reminded committee that we may already meet these financial obligations under public works line items for brush and leaf removal and tree maintenance & planting throughout town.
2. Bag Bill Outreach Subcommittee – This is completed with the new law going into effect on May 4th
3. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)
 - a. Toni is still waiting on information on the open space plan

- b. NRI is being reviewed by township planner
 - c. Toni will add township planner's comments to report
 - d. Finalized report may be available next month (July 2022)
 - e. Once finalized Open Space project can be outlined
4. Environmental Information Centers
- a. These are information boards seen at numerous parks. Jerry Mascia sent Karen Cohen a few examples of what the boards could look like.
 - b. Commission thought this would be great places to provide information and educational materials to residents as our parks are well trafficked
 - c. Ron Cucchiaro and William Giegerich will discuss with Meredith
 - d. Ron suggested EC create content for board. Ideas suggested by EC members included trail information, no smoking, no balloon releases
5. Mount Laurel farmer's Market Table
- a. Karen suggested we get a logo designed for the EC for a tablecloth for educational events
 - b. This idea was agreed upon by EC members
6. Mural at the Community Garden
- a. Sandra Carleton requested a mural be installed on the wall of the shed at the community garden. EC members approved of this suggestion
 - b. Sandra will organize local artists for idea submissions and work with Jerry Mascia on coordination and township approval of sketches.
7. Top Golf Volunteers
- a. William Giegerich had forwarded Top Golf manager's contact information to Gina Cohl.
 - b. Top Golf is looking for volunteer projects within town.
 - c. Gina Cohl suggested installing a Native landscape garden around the community garden signage and tree planting at community garden to replace the trees removed due to power lines.
 - d. Gina will follow up with Jerry and Meredith.

Meeting Adjourned – motion by Gina Cohl and 2nd by Sandra Carleton. All were in Favor.

Next Meeting is Tuesday July 12th 2022 at 7pm.

Environmental Commission Board Attendance

| | | Attendance | Absent |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------|
| Chairwoman | Marinna Seemuller | x | |
| Citizen | Sandra Carleton | x | |
| Citizen | Gina Cohl | x | |
| Citizen | Bhupindar Singh | x | |
| Citizen – Planning Board Rep | Ramesh Venkatakrishnan | x | |
| Citizen Alt 1 | Christopher Hughes | | x |
| Citizen Alt 2 | Mandy Skalski | | x |
| Councilmember | Karen Cohen | x | |
| Township Rep | William Giegerich | x | |
| Professional | Toni Sapio | X | |
| Lawyer | Richard Briigliodoro | | x |
| Lawyer | Ron Cucchiaro | X | |

Vote on Adopting Minutes from May 10, 2022 Meeting

| | | Motion | AYE | NAY | Abstained | Absent |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------|--------|
| Chairwoman | Marinna Seemuller | | x | | | |
| Citizen | Sandra Carleton | 1 st | x | | | |
| Citizen | Gina Cohl | 2 nd | x | | | |
| Citizen | Bhupindar Singh | | x | | | |
| Citizen – Planning Board Rep | Ramesh Venkatakrishnan | | x | | | |
| Citizen Alt 1 | Christopher Hughes | | | | | x |
| Citizen Alt 2 | Mandy Skalski | | | | | x |

Vote on Greyhound lines

| | | Motion | AYE | NAY | Abstained | Absent |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------|--------|
| Chairwoman | Marinna Seemuller | | x | | | |
| Citizen | Sandra Carleton | 2 nd | x | | | |
| Citizen | Gina Cohl | 1 st | x | | | |
| Citizen | Bhupindar Singh | | x | | | |
| Citizen – Planning Board Rep | Ramesh Venkatakrishnan | | x | | | |
| Citizen Alt 1 | Christopher Hughes | | | | | x |
| Citizen Alt 2 | Mandy Skalski | | | | | x |

Vote on Laurel Green 3 Development

| | | Motion | AYE | NAY | Abstained | Absent |
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| Chairwoman | Marinna Seemuller | | X | | | |
| Citizen | Sandra Carleton | 1 st | X | | | |
| Citizen | Gina Cohl | 2 nd | X | | | |
| Citizen | Bhupindar Singh | | X | | | |
| Citizen – Planning Board Rep | Ramesh Venkatakrisnan | | X | | | |
| Citizen Alt 1 | Christopher Hughes | | | | | X |
| Citizen Alt 2 | Mandy Skalski | | | | | X |