

HOLMDEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, **July 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

Karen Strickland, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Loretta Coscia read the following **OPENING STATEMENT**: *“I hereby announce, pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided on January 13, 2022, to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has also been posted in the entrance of Town Hall, filed in the Clerk’s Office, and posted on the Township’s website, www.holmdeltownship.com, all pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.”*

Roll Call

Present: Karen Strickland, *Chairperson*
Ralph Blumenthal
Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu
Jill Perez
Tony Salerno
Gary Vanderham
John Galasso, Alternate 2
Loretta Coscia, Secretary

Absent: Randy Rauscher
Janet Jackel, Alternate 1

Also Present: Mr. & Mrs. Wes Fagan

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence to Honor Military, Police and First Responders

Environmental Commission Business

- Draft Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2023 – **Motion** by Ralph seconded by John to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote by eligible members.
- Update on pending preliminary stormwater report – Karen spoke with Bob Mullin. He will attend the September 13th HEC meeting. When asked about items that the HEC would like Bob to address, Gary suggested areas in town that have flooding issues. Loretta would check with Traffic Safety to see if they have a report on flooding issues as well. Karen said she would like the HEC to host a regional summit with neighboring towns in the fall. The draft report from the Green Team – Water Resources Program will be turned into a final document. Loretta will resend the draft report to Commission members. Karen noted that the Green Team just won a bronze award for Holmdel for Sustainable Jersey.
- Jill would be preparing an article on pesticides for the next township newsletter. Gary would work on an article on solar energy for the August newsletter.

- Ralph spoke about the status of the Horn Antenna. The town is looking for eminent domain on that portion of the property. Fifty states and 74 countries signed a petition to protect the Horn. If the moved, the historic designation goes away.
- Ralph answered some questions from Wes Fagan, Planning Board member regarding the Heavenly Estates application. The application is currently in the hands of the Planning Board Engineer for review of the stormwater submission before it can be scheduled for a public hearing.

At 8:20 p.m., Ralph recused himself from discussion about the Zoning Board applications.

Zoning Board

11 Maacka Drive, Aleksandr Uskach, Block 50, Lot 55.07 in the R40B Zone, ZB Variance 2023-8 Applicant requests relief to allow existing asphalt tennis court in the left side property that was built prior to 2019 to extend over setback line. Relief needed to allow existing fence within stormwater management easement. Application scheduled for a public hearing on 7/19/23.

The commission asked Loretta to send a memo to the Zoning Board with concerns of the asphalt tennis court detracting from the stormwater detention basin.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:45 p.m. **motion** by Karen seconded by Tony to adjourn. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Coscia

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Secretary

Proceedings recorded
Approved September 12, 2023