

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

August 26, 2019

Members Present

D. Fashano
J. Hendricks
S. Iannaccone
A. Kraynak
C. Matlon
D. Wilson

Liaison

J. Ferramosca – Present

Members Absent

D. Dittrick - excused
P. Glawe
A. Ma

Chairman Wilson called the meeting at 7:15 pm according to the Open Publics Meeting Act.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed meeting minutes from July 29, 2019. Secretary Kraynak asked if there were any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes if not is there a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Member Matlon asked if the correction was made that she be marked excused at the July Environmental Commission meeting. Secretary Kraynak said she made the correction. Member Matlon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Member Fashano seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Certified Mail

None.

Old Business

- Shred Day - November 2, 2019 – 9am – 12pm Hanover Township Community Center Parking Lot. Volunteers are needed.
- Hanover Township Day – 2019 – Member Fashano said that we have approximately 1,000 bags to be distributed at Hanover Township Day. Liaison Ferramosca suggested to keep one box for the Shred Day in November. All members agreed. Secretary Kraynak asked are we going to put items in the tote

bags? Secretary Kraynak suggested the Shred Day Flyer. Member Fashano suggested the MUA Tag It and Leave It Program. Member Fashano said Bill Kerwood – Environmental Magic will be walking around 1:30pm – 3:30 pm promoting recycling. Member Fashano asked do they make announcements about programs at Hanover Township Day. Liaison Ferramosca said they only announce the programs scheduled by the stage. All members discussed about if we should have a survey question at the table: Should Hanover Township ban single use plastic bags (such as the those you receive at supermarkets) yes or no. All members agreed. Member Hendricks suggested to make a schedule for volunteers when they will be attending Hanover Township Day.

New Business

- Energy - Chairman Wilson said that new trends are going on in California with progressive clean energy. Chairman Wilson said requirements for new homes have some solar. Chairman Wilson said that recent energy for businesses no longer are pumping methane and hot water and that there educating builders with BPU education programs electricity solar farms eventually less polluting moving forward with regulations and new heat pumps in new houses. Member Matlon asked what is the discharge? Chairman Wilson said the compressor boosts the temperature with a new refrigerant.
- Plastic Bag Ban – Chairman Wilson asked would Hanover Township join the other 22 towns that banned single use plastic bags. Liaison Ferramosca said the supermarkets would rather do education. Member Iannaccone said at another meeting the commission made a resolution to send to the township committee a recommendation to limit the use of plastic bags. Member Iannaccone asked how long is the education? Member Fashano asked is it educating their own people or town people? Member Fashano said that if 500 people use plastic bags a year that is 4 billion plastic bags a year and only 1 percent is recycled. Member Matlon suggested making a poster for the supermarkets for people to read about recycling plastic bags.

Adjourn

- Secretary Kraynak asked at 7:48 pm if there is any further business if not is there a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Fashano seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

The next Environmental Commission meeting is Monday, October 7, 2019.