

April 13, 2017

The April 13, 2017 workshop meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission began at 7:45 p.m. with Robert Jewell, Glenn Todd and Ruth Pante in attendance. Paul Tarlowe and Dawn Smith were excused; James McMekin and Mitch Courtright were absent.

Mr. Tarlowe attended a recent Commissioners Training Course presented by ANJEC; he will give a brief recap at the next Environmental Commission meeting.

In an e-mail sent to Ms. Pante, Ms. Smith reported the following.

- ANJEC Grant (photo contest) – photos for judging will be available for distribution on Monday via the Clerk's office. Winners will be announced at the May 10 Township meeting. Terry Johnson and Ms. Smith will work on photo presentation boards prior to May 10.
- Sustainable Jersey Grant – Awards announcements delayed until the end of the month. When excel file was converted to pdf, it changed layout and alignment of excel rows and columns on spreadsheet.
- ERI update – new estimates need to be pursued for work creating ERI report and updating of maps. Engineer needs to be contacted for baseline file of property tax map to be used with ERI map updates. Tax map will not be updated for report but money set aside can be utilized to build a clean file for use with ERI consultant. ERI project is under the direction of Mr. Jewell.
- RTP Grant – Patrick Hood will be meeting with Ms. Smith to walk the trail and develop a formal estimate of work to be done to comply with RTP grant. Anyone interested in being involved should contact Ms. Smith.
- Cafferata Park sign – no updates at this time.
- Bluebird houses – renumbered for the trail by Ms. Smith and additional repairs for ease of opening completed by Mr. Proefrock and Ms. Andershonis. Awaiting schedule for Cub Scout den to begin weekly monitoring. Need to confirm if Mr. Mershon will assist in monitoring and banding adult and nesting birds.

Environmental Issues

Mr. Jewell reported the Land Use Board is reviewing a request from someone interested in renting and opening the Anderson Hotel as a luncheonette; the property is owned by Donaldson. Also, the McRea Methodist Church in Port Murray and the Anderson Church on Rt. 57 are for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante

**Next meeting date:
May 11, 2017**