

Alloway Township Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 9th, 2020

*Virtual Meeting, via Zoom, due to COVID-19*

**Attendees:** Joe Mahar, Autumn Angelus, Frank Ponti, Renee Waters, Craig Kane

**Excused:** Debbie Dilks, Chris Gilbert

Meeting Called To Order at 7:00 pm

September minutes were approved as read on Motion by RW, seconded by AA.

**Announcements/ Correspondence:**

- Spotted Lanternfly can now be found over much of New Jersey. They are invasive pests that threaten the wine industry. Puss caterpillars/ Flannel moths are moving North and are abundant in Virginia. Their urticating hairs can be painful when touched.

**Discussion-**

*Old business:*

- The unofficial October meeting (no quorum, see below for notes) was discussed.
- It's agreed that using social media platforms such as YouTube, and our EC website are a good way to promote environmental messages that we hope to convey. We could also provide webinars on different topics every once in a while to engage the community.
- ERI – this really needs to be worked on and re-visited. There has been a surge in the real estate market and we may end up seeing more applications for new development. In addition, the new wind port may attract folks to the area and spark mass development in the area.

*New business:*

- *Planning Board-* a letter was received by the township requiring amendments to the existing storm-water management ordinance. We will go over this at the January meeting.
- We should update the website with new/ up-to-date information, phone numbers, topics, etc.
- Is there a noise ordinance in Alloway Twp.? There has been an increase in noise (eg. jake brakes) in the township.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

October Unofficial Meeting Notes:

Composting workshop took place; the composting bin pickup was in Swedesboro rather than Alloway. Webinar was run by Caroline with about 10 people in attendance out of the 25 registered. We have not heard from Chris Gilbert. Could we add recorded videos to YouTube/ Website/ etc. to promote Environmental issues? There has been more noise, do we have an ordinance?

Respectfully submitted by: Autumn Angelus