



Monroe Township Environmental Commission

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting March 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER- Chairman, Mihir Majmundar**
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2. **Sunshine Law-** Read into the record

3. **Roll Call – (Commissioners and Associates)**

- Mihir Majmundar (Chair), Terry Van Dzura (Council Liaison)
- Renee Haider, Roger Dreyling
- Ken Konya, Carolyn Barna
- Diya Modi (Student liaison)
- Surabhi Agarwal
- Jamie Cullen
- Theresa Zamorski (Secretary)

Adoption of Minutes--: A Motion to approve February 4, minutes made by Roger Dreyling and seconded by Surabhi Agawarl. All in favor.

Applicant A.

1. Preliminary and Final Site Plan
John Michalski, Faegre
Joe Fierro, Ares QR III Acquisitions
Andrew Smith, Langan Engineering
Block 3 Lot 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.04, 24.05
2. Minor Site Plan
Sharif Aly, Amertech Engineer
164 Applegarth Road
Block 13 Lot 10

Committee Reports:

High School Student Liaison- Diya Modi-

GENERAL MEETINGS & CLUB EVENTS

- Eco-Night will be held on Tuesday, April 14th
- The club is preparing for the event.

March Club Meetings:

- TBD

GREEN TEAM

- Sustainable Jersey Certification Progress has been paused from the administration side. Ms. Rickert (advisor for EAC) is currently occupied with other responsibilities. Next steps for the Green Team will be decided by her.
- In the meantime, the students involved with the Green Team are in the process of data collection and planning for their actions. All steps need to be approved by the school administration. ○ Actions that have been completed or are close to completion:
 - Energy Efficiency for Schools
 - Document Recycling Rates
 - School Community Asset Mapping
- The Green Team is also working to plan for next year and how they plan to move forward

Trails and Bike Paths Committee- Coordinator- Jamie Cullen- Nothing to report.

- a. **Storm Water & Streams Committee-** Coordinator Carolynn Barna- Nothing to report
 - b. **Energy Committee** – Coordinator Ken Konya-Nothing to report.
 - c. **Open Space-** Roger Dreyling- Nothing to report
 - d. **Education Committee Report-** Coordinator Renee Haider – Nothing to report.
 - e. **Sustainable New Jersey** – Coordinator Renee Haider- Nothing to report.
4. **Green Fair Committee Report**_– Coordinator Mihir Majmundar- Nothing to report.
 5. **Planning Board**_– Rick Siemon –

Planning & Zoning

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Township Solar Project – Schneider Electric

- All panels were purchased prior to the federal incentive and are currently being stored at DPW.
- Library will be 1st priority to avoid interruption of the weekly farmer's market.

Solar also to be installed at EMS, DPW, and MTUD. MTUD will include a floating array cover a little under an acre of their irrigation pond.

Township officials visited the floating solar array (15-acre array) at the Sayreville water treatment plant. It was reported there have been no issues since installation in Fall of 2018.

Project also includes updating the Softball Field Lighting, building envelope optimization, and other energy efficiency improvements.

Open Space

Township purchased Block 2, Lot 1 for Open Space approximately 22 acres at the corner of North Disbrow Hill and Butcher Roads Green Acres grant was applied for to cover 50% of a new park project including playground, parking lot, and storm basin.

Additionally, 44-acres located at Block 3, Lot 25 were donated as part of the agreement to the township.

Open Space Committee met last month to review potential properties for recommendation to be acquired by the township. For more information, contact the Planning & Zoning office.

Trails

- Tranquility Trail to have a designated parking area added to fit approximately 4-5 cars added once snow clears and weather improves.

General Updates

- **250 Celebration Week** – There will be activities throughout the week of July 4th to celebrate. Lazer Show, Drone Show, Concerts, Historical Committee is doing an activity prior to the week. If the Environmental Commission would like to participate or be included, please feel free to brainstorm and we will put in touch with the planning committee for these events.

Affordable Housing – We have satisfied our round 4 requirements. Please contact the admin office with any questions.

Project Freedom – ADA Affordable Housing, wheelchair accessible. Engineers are scheduled to meet to evaluate Block 62, Lot 3.05, the former location of Meadowview Care Center on Spotswood Gravel Hill Road, as a potential location.

Contact

- Rick Siemon – rsiemon@monroetwp.com.

6. Old Business – New Business – Nothing to report.

Open to Public –Comments- Public Speaker – Kim Dana & Sasha Lukovenko

Solar Simplified

Presenting the benefits of Community Solar to Monroe Township.

7. Adjournment 9:13 PM MOTION: Surabhi Agarwal Second: Roger Dreyling

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 1, 2026