

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**June 17, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 20, 2018, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Dr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jim Gallagher, Josh Kohut, Becky Lowery, Jason Mildenberg, Paul Mullen, Barbara Rogers, Michele Till and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Mona Bhatia was absent

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Sally O'Grady – Parks Commission

**MINUTES**

Ms. Golisano stated the April and May Minutes had been updated from the copies previously sent to members and requested that members review them before the vote. Ms. Golisano also stated that going forward the EC meetings would be recorded.

Dr. Rogers reviewed with the members the Minutes process, stating Minutes should be reviewed and comments provided to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting so the copy being voted on at the meeting is a final version.

The Minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed and amended. On a motion by Mr. Kohut, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the minutes were approved by all members present, with the exception of Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Lower who abstained.

The Minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and amended. On a motion by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Kohut, the minutes were approved by all members present.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Goals and Year End Report

Dr. Rogers requested members be prepared to discuss items for the Goals and Year End Report at the July meeting.

### Preserve Management

Unami Woods – The trail in Unami Woods is in good condition. Ms. O’Grady reported her husband had cleared a fallen tree from the path. There was discussion about continuing the path from Unami Woods and the Fire House and whether the path would be on Township or homeowners’ properties. Mr. Mullen offered to look at the tax maps to see if there is an easement.

Dr. Kohut agreed to partner with Mr. Mildenberg to monitor Unami Woods.

Pin Oaks Preserves – Mr. Mullen reported DPW has been mowing the path. The parking lot gets flooded, and Dr. Rogers stated she will ask Public Works about adding gravel to the parking area.

Reinhardt Preserves – Dr. Rogers reported mowing of path to entrance of trail is being done at the Reinhardt Preserves.

### Rain Garden and Pollinator Garden

Dr. Rogers reported Mr. Dave Marabello was unable to attend this evening; however, he had provided a list of suggested items to maintain the Rain Garden, including excavating the fine sediment from the opening of the swale area. There has been a lot of rain so the plants in the garden look great; however, it has been difficult to grow plants on the berm. Dr. Rogers reported there are funds available for the maintenance, and Mr. Marabello and the Troop 52 Boy Scouts are willing to assist with the work.

### Sustainable Jersey 2019 Recertification

Dr. Rogers reported the Recertification information has been submitted to Sustainable Jersey and is currently being reviewed. She reported 185 points were completed (50 points from the Previous Certification Cycle and 135 points from Current Cycle). Dr. Rogers coordinated the effort and thanked all who provided information for the Recertification, including Linda Scott for Recycling; Kathy Easton for Shade Tree items; Board of Health for Smoke and Tobacco Free Education Component; Debbie Rubin for the Sustainable Land Use Pledge; Jean Golisano for Municipal Communication Strategy, Sharon Pulz for Prescription Drugs, and Paul Mullen for Environmental Commission Action Item.

### School Programs

There was no update on school programs. Dr. Rogers reported Cranbury School student Rohun Chivate is the recipient of the 2019 Meiss Award. Dr. Rogers read segments of Rohun’s essay and stated she was particularly impressed with his statement, “I act with the mindset that every bit counts.” Ms. Golisano will e-mail the essay to members.

### Health and Wellness Fair

Ms. Till reported she “manned” the table and received assistance from Ms. Lowery and Ms. Vaccaro at the Fair. She stated parents were inquiring about the Township’s parks and were excited to learn about geocaching. Dr. Rogers stated the Health and Wellness information can be used for Cranbury Day. The Environmental Commission, Parks Commission and Board of Health all participated at the fair. With a greater focus on health and wellness as compared with previous years’ Drug Free Fair,” the Health and Wellness Fair was coordinated by Ms. Joann Charwin and the Municipal Alliance. Although Ms. Charwin is retiring from Cranbury School this year, she has agreed to work on next year’s Fair and hopes to make it a community event for all ages.

### Brainerd Lake Dredging

Mr. Gallagher and Dr. Kohut received the proposal of the dredging project, and agreed to participate in future Lake dredging discussions. Mr. Gallagher will follow up with the Township Administrator.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Master Plan Update

Dr. Rogers stated she provided feedback on the two chapters of the Master Plan Update (Chapters 6 and 13) that pertain to Green Building, Sustainability Plans and Conservation Elements. Dr. Rogers invited members to look at the chapters, and Ms. Till offered to review them.

### “No Smoking in Parks” Signs

Dr. Rogers reported “No Smoking/No Vaping” signs were received from Tobacco Free for a Healthy New Jersey. Ms. O’Grady reported the signs are already posted on existing signs in Village, Heritage, and Millstone Parks. Dr. Rogers requested members consider where signs could be posted in the various Preserves and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

### Deer Management Plan

Members reviewed the Deer Management Ordinance that was introduced at the June 10, 2019 Township Committee Meeting. Concerns were raised about the safety of walking trails during hunting season and damage to trees from tree stands. Corrections were made to the ordinance regarding the names of the preserves. Mr. Mildenberg will attend the next Township Committee Meeting to report the EC’s concerns.

### Parks Commission Update

Ms. Sally O’Grady reported the Parks Commission is obtaining quotes for a walking path in Village Park. Ms. O’Grady shared a map of the proposed path to show the EC the possible location.

## **APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications for review this evening

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Dr. Rogers requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, and that this document, consisting of four (4) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on June 17, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 15th day of July, 2019.

Jean Golisano

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Secretary