

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

May 20, 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, May 20, 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 7:02 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Susan Goetz, Cranbury resident
Deepa George, Cranbury resident
Nick Marolda, Monroe resident
Kathy Marolda, Monroe resident
Lia Mastropolo, The Watershed
Lorraine Morris, Cranbury resident
Brian Scarpulla, Cranbury resident
Matt Scott, EC Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENT

Environmental Update on Block 13, Lots 13 and 15

Halsey Reed Road residents attended the EC meeting as members of the public to present their environmental concerns on Block 13, Lots 13 and 15 at this time. Mr. Nick Marolda displayed a map of the area and suggested the lots not be developed as a warehouse and the land be preserved. However, he stated the owner does not seem interested in preservation. Ms. Lorraine Morris shared the area contains wetlands and only a small area is buildable. The area does not have access to sewer. Mr. Brian Scarpulla reported there is a New Jersey threatened species in the area, as per a DEP

report. He reported he also has personally observed some animals that are considered threatened and species of special concern on the property, including the wood turtle, brown thrasher, fowler's toad and box turtle. Ms. Kathy Marolda stated Cranbury Station is being considered a historic area and is being considered for Trails for Rails. Mr. Scarpulla will email reports on wetlands and rare species obtained from the NJ DEP. The property is not identified in the Master Plan at present.

There was additional discussion about the noise and pollution from idling trucks parking on Chamberlin and Barkley's private property.

72 Petty Road Drainage Issue

Mrs. Deepa George reported she has drainage issues on her property. She stated there are two easements on 80 Petty Road which are designed to drain water to the Reinhard Preserve. She believes a dirt road built on the easement is preventing water from draining from her property to the Preserve. Mrs. George reported the Zoning Officer and Township Engineer have come to look at the problem; however, she is not sure the dirt road was addressed. The EC recommended Mrs. George obtain additional information about the easements, and possibly following up with an attorney or surveyor.

OLD 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Brainerd Lake Dredging

Ms. Susan Goetz provided information on the Brainerd Lake Dredging meeting with the Township Engineer and the Township Committee Lake Dredging Subcommittee members. Dr. Rogers stated it is important an EC member be included in the lake dredging meetings to advise on environmental issues. Ms. Goetz reported the Township is working with Van Cleef Engineering Associates to put together a proposal to put out to bid. She stated a very preliminary study was conducted by Sadat in 2015, and samples of sediment were taken from different locations in the Lake. It was determined contaminants in the sediment exceeded residential and nonresidential standards and could not be land applied in Cranbury. Sediment from Brainerd Lake would have to be removed from Cranbury due to contaminants in the sediment. Ms. Goetz summarized the process and the permits needed. She reported the schedule for dredging is targeted for summer of 2020. Dr. Kohut suggested this would be an excellent opportunity to educate residents about the Lake and the dredging process. Mr. Gallagher and Dr. Kohut agreed to be the EC members that will attend future discussions on the lake dredging.

Parks Commission Update

There was no Parks update this evening.

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. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Mildenberg, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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 three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on May 20, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 18th day of June, 2019.

Jean Golisano

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Secretary