

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
May 21, 2018**

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 21, 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 4, 2017, 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, Barbara Rogers, Chair of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Debra Rubin acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, James Gallagher, Theresa Vaccaro and Mona Bhatia and were present. Janice McDonnell and Becky Mathers Lowery were excused.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tammy Sands – The Watershed Institution

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Mullen; seconded by Theresa Vaccaro. All others were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management –

Cranbury Brook Preserve – Wildflower seeds to be planted near pollinator garden – Ask Jerry Thorne to prepare soil in September.

Reinhardt Preserve – Bob Rogers, Prashun Patel, Paul and Marilynn Mullen cleaned the yellow loop trail and also blazed it.

Pin Oaks – Paul Mullen added a new map and cleaned many branches in the area. There was discussion regarding the mowing schedule and when the best time to mow is. Paul Mullen will contact Jerry Thorne, DPW, to discuss “do not mow” and best schedule for future mowing. Members discussed Eagle Scout project area. Barbara Rogers has not heard anything further since the initial request.

Cranbury Brook Preserve – Pollinator Garden – Barbara Rogers transplanted plants and they are growing well. Mulch is needed to be added to the area and Mona Bhatia will bring two (2) more steps to add to the area.

Sustainable Jersey –

Theresa Vaccaro reported that the Drug Free Fair was cancelled. One hundred betta fish had been donated for the fair, which were dispersed to the students. Priya Patel, 8th grade President, prepared a one (1) page article for the Township Newsletter.

Year End Report 2017/Goals 2018 – Table to June meeting.

Alfred Meiss Award – The gift card has been purchased for the winner and given to Barbara Rogers for the award. The award is scheduled for June 4th.

Stream Clean Up – The cleanup was held on April 21st. Tammy Sands reported there was 856 bags collected and 11,703 lbs. collected. There were 810 volunteers that participated at 12 different sites. Cranbury Township had a total of 1,101 lbs. removed, 84 bags and 74 volunteers.

Environmental Commission Recruitment – Barbara Rogers contacted an applicant and has not had a response.

NEW BUSINESS

Cranbury Day – September 8th is the next Cranbury Day. The members will schedule who will be covering the table during the day. The members will set up and clean up the table as well.

APPLICATIONS –

- 65 Station Road - Members discussed the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT– Nothing additional.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Paul Mullen, seconded by Theresa Vaccaro, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. on a motion. All were in favor.

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 two (2) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on May 21, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Debra Rubin, Secretary