

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
February 21, 2017**

**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 Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. THIS IS A CHANGE from the regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday because of the Presidents' national holiday.

**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 5, 2016, 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 7:05 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, James Gallagher, Becky Mathers Lowery (7:12), David Marabello, Theresa Vaccaro and Andy Johnson were present. Paul Ginoux was absent. Janice McDonnell emailed her absence.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Susan Goetz, Township Committee member  
Cheryl Coyle, Chair of the township Board of Health  
Ed DiFiglia, Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Policy Specialist

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Jim Gallagher; seconded by Paul Mullen. David Marabello abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Preserve Management – Ms. Goetz commended the Commission and Dr. Rogers' husband, Bob, on their good work in the Reinhardt Forest Preserve trails and bridges, noting that the forest and the hike are very attractive. Dr. Rogers will contact Jerry on the parking lot by the Pin Oaks Loops trail.

Sustainable Jersey –

School Programs – Some items were submitted for the first round but there has been no feedback yet. The next meeting of the Wellness and Sustainability Council at the school will be March 10.

Year End Report 2016/Goals 2017 – These documents were edited and will be presented at the March meeting for approval.

Rain Garden – The DPW cleaned out leaves from the swale and rain garden. The DPW did not have a chance to install the snow fence this winter, but it likely not a concern because of warming trends.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Smoke-Free Parks ordinance – Mrs. Coyle reported on the Board of Health's work on this draft ordinance. She noted that the Parks and the Environmental Commissions would be given an opportunity to comment. Dr. Rogers suggested signs be installed in the kiosk on Main Street near West Property Road. Ms. Goetz noted that the Township Committee would not want lots of signs in town. Mr. DiFiglia noted that the passage of this ordinance is becoming the state norm – county parks have passed it also. Suggestion for an education piece in the Cranbury Press, the township newsletter, the school newsletter, the Cranbury Day table and the township website.

Alfred Meiss Award – No discussion. Ms. Lowery and Dr. Rogers will review.

Stream Clean Up – The annual event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Lions Club will participate this year, as well as a Cranbury Daisy troop. Mr. Marabello will invite the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to participate. The event flier will be sent to the webmaster for posting and e-blast.

Mr. DiFiglia reported on a stretch of South Main Street near the Millstone River, which is designated as Green Acres land, is in need of clean up. An older resident has cleaned the area every year and is asking for assistance. Dr. Rogers suggested that if a large group of adult volunteers come to the Clean Up, this could be an area to send them.

Dr. Rogers suggested that the Cranbury School 8<sup>th</sup> grade take advantage of the Clean Communities grant money offered through the Recycling department and clean up a public area within the township again this year.

Township Committee meeting report – Mr. Johnson attended this month and reported that the Township Committee is working on affordable housing again. Ms. Goetz reported the plan has been accepted by the judge. On line is construction at Applewood with 32 units, planned housing at the former Paul's Auto Body site, and a portion of apartments on the second level of the Highpoint development at the Hagerty property.

Mr. Johnson also reported that Mr. Taylor participated in fire department training in Brainerd Lake, and the deepest part of the lake was measured at five feet, highlighting the need for dredging. Also Committeeman Glenn Johnson is streamlining the DRC process.

Sustainable Jersey re-certification – No discussion. Cranbury certification lasts for three years, until 2019.

Township spring newsletter – Submissions will be next month for the April deadline.

Conservation Easements Grant – Easements need to be identified and future public education may be offered. ANJEC and the Tax Assessor will be contacted. Sustainable Jersey points can be obtained. Tom Weidner, chair of the Parks Commission, Dr. Rogers, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mullen will form the subcommittee for the grant.

**APPLICATIONS** – Mr. Gallagher reported that owner of a building that was formerly used for laboratories wants to convert the building to office space. At the Planning Board hearing, Mr. Gallagher asked about the environmental impact and was told that the state needs to attend to it. Mr. DiFiglia also noted that this area has a non-working stormwater detention basin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**–None

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Andy Johnson, seconded by Paul Mullen, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 9:06p.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 three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on February 21, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Wendy W. Borg, Secretary