

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
June 19, 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 Monday, June 19, 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 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 7:06 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, Becky Mathers Lowery, David Marabello, Theresa Vaccaro, Jim Gallagher (7:20) and Janice McDonnell were present. Andy Johnson was excused. Paul Ginoux was absent.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Susan Goetz, Township Committee liaison to the EC  
Sally O'Grady, Parks Commissioner

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Paul Mullen; seconded by David Marabello. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Conservation Easement Grant – The grant was not obtained. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mullen and Dr. Rogers will move forward with the easement work. Dr. Rogers suggested tree removal rules. Ms. Goetz noted she will discuss with Shade Tree Commission. The Township Committee has asked the Township Attorney for guidance on this issue.

Preserve Management – Susan Goetz, Township Committee liaison, will look into an area for parking at the Pin Oaks Loop trail. At the Reinhardt Forest Preserve, there are several tree limbs down that need clearing. Mrs. O'Grady volunteered her husband to assist with a chain saw. At the Cranbury Brook Preserve, beneficial caterpillars were found in the pollinator garden. More pollinator plants were added there. The spring rain has been helpful for the plants survival. Dr. Rogers has obtained 50 milkweed plants

which will be planted along the edge of the forest. Mrs. O'Grady reported a tree is down on the long westerly trail in the Brook Preserve.

In early June, the Board of Health passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking in four township parks – Village, Heritage, Millstone and the Brook Preserve.

Sustainable Jersey School Programs – Final application for certification is due in two weeks. Newsletters are now archived on the school website. Ms. Vaccaro and Ms. Lowery will attend the Sustainable Jersey annual Summit conference on Wednesday, June 21.

Alfred Meiss Award – Mr. Marabello presented the award at the ceremony. Two eighth graders split the award this year.

Stream Clean Up – The 11<sup>th</sup> annual event was held Saturday, April 22. In total, there were 73 volunteers that collected 60 trash bags and removed 490 lbs. of trash. The most common items were plastic bottles and cigarette butts.

Township Committee meeting report – Mr. Marabello attended the April 24 meeting. Norma Swale was recognized with a resolution for her service to the township. Barricades have been removed and replaced in Village Park. Environmental remediation is almost complete at Gateway to Cranbury. Herbicide has been applied at the lake. Dr. Rogers presented the EC 2016 Year-End report.

Cranbury Day September 9 – Table assignments and a theme will be decided in July. Storm water model will be obtained. The Commission also asked the Parks Commission if they would be interested in participating together for the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Township summer newsletter – Ideas include the milkweed planting in the pollinator garden; Sustainable Jersey for Schools, conservation easement, water conservation.

Pesticides – Ms. McDonnell will write a summary on the EPA's recommendations on the use of Round Up, and may include alternatives to using Round Up.

**APPLICATIONS** – ProLogis construction by some unnamed tributaries of the Millstone River; now before the Planning Board.

Amazon buildings on Brickyard Road were approved. Parking and car and truck traffic were under consideration by Planning Board. A traffic study will be done in a year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**– Mrs. O'Grady reported that several Parks Commissioners met with Township Administrator Denise Marabello to discuss the Parks maintenance list. Also, Black Eyed susans were planted in township parks. The fence in Village Park will be repaired.

Dr. Rogers commended Secretary Wendy Borg for her service the past six years to the Environmental Commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Paul Mullen, seconded by Becky Mathers Lowery, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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 three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on June 19, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 17 day of July, 2017.

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Debra A. Rubin, Secretary