

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
December 18, 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, December 18, at 7:05 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 7:05 p.m. and Debra A. Rubin acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, Becky Mathers Lowery, Theresa Vaccaro, and Janice McDonnell were present. Jim Gallagher and Andy Johnson were absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally O'Grady – Parks Commission Member
Yamina Patel
Priya Patel – 8th Grade Student Council President

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 20th, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Barbara Rogers; seconded by Janice McDonnell. On a voice vote of all members present, all were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management –

- Habitat Enhancement – The native meadow mix will be ordered by Barbara Rogers and discussed further in the spring prior to Department of Public Works planting.
- Trail Maintenance –
 - Reinhardt – Bob Rogers added two mud bridges to the yellow trail that was previously discussed at the November meeting.
 - Unami Woods – Paul Mullen has purchased the paint to blaze the trail. He is to contact Sally O'Grady prior to completion so that she may assist.

- Paul Mullen reported that he had a 3' x 4' map showing all of the walking trails in Cranbury laminated to display at all future Cranbury Days.

Township Leaf Collection – Members discussed how pleased they are with the Department of Public Works regarding the township leaf collection. Information may be helpful to advise residents of issues with regards to leaves being placed in areas where the storm drains are inadvertently being blocked.

Sustainable Jersey

- School Programs –The Stream Clean-up has been placed on the school calendar for the students to participate. Priya Patel to discuss further with Linda Scott in Public Works once the date gets closer. Discussion regarding Terracycle use in schools. Also, Becky Mathers Lowery will be adding to the newsletter to spread awareness on the Terracycle program.
- Township Actions – Theresa Vaccaro, Becky Mathers Lowery and Susan Shiffman of Cranbury School, met with the Princeton Packet to discuss Sustainable Jersey. An article should be published shortly in regards to their meeting. Paul Mullen researched the Sustainable Jersey website for an action plan and discussed a template for a resolution regarding NJ wildlife. The draft revision is currently over 3,000 pages. The Commission will further discuss after the new action plan is available for review. Theresa Vaccaro advised she also checked the website for action items and found there is the creation of a creative team for the Arts Council. Secondly, she found the Community Asset Inventory which allows the school and the township to accrue points. If decided upon, further discussion would be needed on how it would be used, where it would be kept and how it would be updated. Details would need to be addressed before adopting the Community Asset Inventory as an action item.

Township Committee meeting report– None.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Teen Programming – Janice McDonnell advised that the program is scheduled to begin in the spring.

APPLICATIONS – All applications were given to Paul Mullen for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT–

Sally O'Grady, Parks Commission Member, advised that Ed DiFiglia is no longer employed at the Watershed Association. Prior to his departure, he delivered the three "Breathe Easy" signs to her. All three signs have been installed on existing posts at the various parks. She also reported that the Parks Commission has decided to repair the fencing at Village Park with funds from the Parks Commission budget.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Paul Mullen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Becky Mathers Lowery. By a unanimous vote of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 November 20, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 18th day of December, 2017.

Debra A. Rubin, Secretary