

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**January 19, 2021**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. by remote access videoconferencing in response to COVID-19 and the updated Open Public Meetings Act guidelines.

**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 January 8, 2021 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, Mr. Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Ms. Golisano, Deputy Clerk, administered the Oaths of Office to Mr. Paul Mullen, Chair; Ms. Theresa Vaccaro, Member; and Dr. John Krasting, Alternate.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

John Krasting, Jason Mildenberg, Paul Mullen, Lynn Slavin, and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Jim Gallagher, Josh Kohut, Becky Mathers Lowery and Michele Till were absent.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Sally O'Grady, Parks Chair

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the December, 2021 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Mildenberg, the Minutes were approved by all members present.

**REPORTS**

Parks Commission – Ms. Sally O'Grady, Parks Commission Chair, reported the Township map prepared by Mr. Brendan Hanson, Parks' member. was not approved by the Administrator and Attorney for posting on the Township website due to the possibility of boundary discrepancies. Ms. O'Grady reported Mr. Hanson worked very hard on the map and used State maps to input municipal land information. Parks will prepare a letter to see what can be done to get the map posted. Members of the EC had approved the map at a previous meeting and hope this valuable resource will be posted.

Ms. O'Grady reported the information on the kiosk at the beginning of the Cranbury Brook Preserve needs updating. The EC will follow up on this.

Ms. O'Grady stated a resident reported the Pin Oaks Trail was in poor condition and was unwalkable. Ms. Golisano will inform DPW.

The Unami Woods Trail had two trees down. Mr. Pat O'Grady removed one, and the other still needs attention.

Public Works cleared the northwest corner of Heritage Park. Poison ivy, small brush and trees were removed, and the area will be maintained and kept clear by DPW in the future.

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher was not present to provide a report. Mr. Mullen reported Mr. Jason Mildenberg was appointed as the 2021 EC representative on the DRC.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Mullen reported that he, along with Mr. Mike Kaiser, and Mr. Richard Kallan are members of the Zoning Committee. Ms. Evelyn Spann, Township Committee member, was appointed the head of the Committee. He reported they will meet on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to set objectives, timelines and priorities.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Preserve Management – Mr. Mullen stated the Unami Woods trail looks good; however, he was concerned that new trails were being made by residents walking off trails. It was decided more permanent markers would be helpful to mark the trails. Ms. O'Grady reported the Brook Trail is being used and is wonderful to walk in the winter. There was discussion about the condition of the Brook Trail after heavy rains, and that while the water is rushing, the path has not been affected and has remained passable.

Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Vaccaro gave to the members a presentation by the Sustainable Jersey subcommittee, which covered the goal of achieving Silver Status in 2022, the Green Team's (EC members) vision and goals, proposed action items, and achieving success by working with volunteers, community leaders and Township professionals and employees. Funds and grants are available for Sustainable Jersey municipalities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Stream Clean Up – Stream Clean Up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Village Park.

2021 Goals – Mr. Mullen stated a priority goal will be again addressing the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Ms. Vaccaro will check to see if this will result in Sustainable Jersey points.

## **APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications this evening.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment this evening.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Mr. Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Mildenberg, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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 January 19, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 20th day of February, 2021.

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