

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

March 15, 2021

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, March 15, 2021 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. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Gallagher, Josh Kohut, John Krasting, Becky Mathers Lowery, Jason Mildenberg, Michele Till and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Paul Mullen joined the meeting at 7:25, and Lynn Slavin was absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Spann, Township Committee Liaison
Sally O'Grady, Parks Chair

MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 16th meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Mildenberg, the Minutes were approved by all members present.

REPORTS

Township Committee – Ms. Evelyn Spann, Liaison, reported the Township Committee is continuing with the Brainerd Lake Dredging Project this year and is working on an ordinance related to electric vehicles. The TC will continue to utilize the EC for its guidance on environmental issues.

Planning Board – The March Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of applications.

Development Review Commission – The March DRC meeting was cancelled.

Zoning Committee – The Zoning Committee has invited Ms. Theresa Vaccaro to share her expertise on electric vehicles for an ordinance they would like to present to the TC. Ms. Spann stated her appreciation to the members of the EC for the advice and direction with zoning ordinances.

Parks Commission – Ms. Sally O’Grady, Parks Commission Chair, reported Parks has asked its Liaison to make a request to the TC for additional parking spaces at Heritage Park. To alleviate cars parking on the grass, Parks is considering several options, including increased parking spaces, parking on Old Trenton Road, South Main or Stockton Street; or painting yellow lines with additional signage at the Park. The Township Engineer has been contacted about the low flooded spots on the walking trail in Heritage. Parks and Recreation members will form a subcommittee to draft a master plan for Village Park.

Ms. O’Grady walked the Unami and Brook Trails and both look good.

OLD BUSINESS

Stormwater Management – No update on the next release of Stormwater Management changes has been received yet.

Preserve Management – At the last meeting, Mr. Mullen reported several Princeton High School students were looking to do volunteer work. He shared photos of a bench the students built, which will be placed in the Cranbury Brook Preserve. Mr. Mullen will request the students to build another bench.

Alternative Energy Ordinance – Members discussed the electric vehicle ordinance. Ms. Vaccaro would like to see incentives to encourage installation of EV charging stations. A national map shows East Windsor has the closest charging station. Members discussed the possibility of charging stations at the new Library and new retail construction on Old Trenton Road. Ms. Spann stated the Library plans are set and the grant received, funds for EV may have to come from another source. Ms. Vaccaro stated some municipalities require new construction to prewire for EV.

APPLICATION

4 Scott Avenue – Notification that an application for a freshwater wetlands/open water permit being submitted to the NJ DEP Division of Land Use Regulation was received by the EC for work to be done on the homeowner’s lake wall while the Brainerd Lake Dredging Project is being conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment this evening.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, on a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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 March 15, 2021.

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

Jean Golisano

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Environmental Commission Secretary