

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**July 19, 2021**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, July 19, 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. Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Becky Mathers Lowery, Josh Kohut, John Krasting, Paul Mullen, and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Michele Till joined at 7:18 and Jason Mildenberg joined at 7:55 p.m. Jim Gallagher was absent.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

None.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes for the Minutes. Ms. Golisano reported an edit had been made at Ms. Till's request. On a motion by Dr. Krasting, seconded Dr. Kohut, the edited June Minutes were approved by all members present.

**REPORTS**

Liaison Report – There was no report this evening

Planning Board – There was no report this evening.

Parks Commission – There was no report this evening.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Mullen reported signage in the Village District was discussed at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He reported the Stormwater Ordinance was approved at the Township Committee's July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, he noted that Cranbury's Sump Pump Ordinance must be updated to address groundwater discharge. That change will be made and the ordinance will be reintroduced at the next Township Committee meeting.

Mr. Mullen reported Mr. Jeff Graydon, Cranbury's Zoning Officer for over 30 years, has retired. The new Zoning Officer is Mr. Andrei Alexeev.

Mr. Mullen reported the State adopted an Electric Vehicle Ordinance, and it is already in effect. When crafting our local EV Ordinance, Cranbury can encourage but cannot require more than what the State model ordinance requires. The State model does not require site plans.

## **INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANT FOR EC VACANCY**

Mr. Mohan Gawande introduced himself to the EC members. He reported he is very much interested in environmental issues and stated he was looking to offer his services to the Commission. Members thanked Mr. Gawande for his interest, and Mr. Mullen will get back to him soon.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Preserve Management – There were no reports.

Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Till stated there was no report this evening. Mr. Mullen informed the members that Ms. Till would be resigning from the EC at the end of the year, and stated she would be very hard to replace. He commended Ms. Till on the remarkable work she did on the energy audit for Sustainable Jersey and wished her luck in the future. Ms. Vaccaro reported Cranbury School is waiting to hear the status of their Sustainable Jersey application for Silver level.

Spotted Lanternfly – Mr. Mullen reported a fourth and final alert has been released via posting on the website and e-mail blast. He informed members that Dr. Jessica Ware, an entomologist living in Cranbury, offered to arrange an extension event for Cranbury residents with the USDA (Dr. Tony Cullen) and Rutgers University leader (Dr. Anne Nielsen) on best practices for SLF control. Mr. Mullen stated the Cranbury Public Library could offer the program in September. Dr. Krasting suggested inviting Environmental Commissions in surrounding municipalities to join the program. Members shared sightings of infestation on Tree of Heaven, particularly on the path between the Fire House and Wynnewood and also in the Village Park bike trail. The EC will continue to raise awareness and educate residents on best practices.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Cranbury Day – Members discussed activities for Cranbury Day. Information on the spotted lanternfly will be made available. Mr. Mullen suggested focusing on reducing plastic usage, and having samples of plastic-alternative products. At the end of the day, the products can be raffled off. Mr. Mullen has started to create a website on reducing plastic usage and alternatives.

## **APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications this evening.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Golisano reported there is no EC meeting scheduled in August. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Mr. Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Mildenberg, seconded by Ms. Till, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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 July 19, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 21st day of September, 2021.

Jean Golisano

Secretary  
Environmental Commission