

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

October 18, 2021

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, October 18, 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

Mohan Gawande, Josh Kohut, Becky Mathers Lowery, Jason Mildenberg, Paul Mullen, and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Michele Till arrived at 7:14. Jim Gallagher and John Krasting were excused.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Evelyn Spann, Township Committee Liaison

MINUTES

Mr. Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes for the Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Mildenberg, seconded by Dr. Lowery. the September Minutes were approved by all members present, with the exception of Dr. Kohut who abstained.

REPORTS

Liaison Report – Ms. Spann reported Town Hall will be operating on a modified schedule of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She reported the Township completed 21/25 of the Best Practices Checklist. The Township currently does not have an EV charging station on municipal property. Ms. Spann stated there is concern on how the dredging of the Lake will impact the rain garden in Village Park. Dr. Rogers will follow up with the Engineer on the traffic patterns of the dump trucks during the project.

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher was not available to give report.

DRC Report – Mr. Mullen reported the DRC ordinance does not make a provision for an alternate member of the EC. Mr. Mullen stated if Mr. Mildenberg is unable to attend the DRC meeting, then Mr. Gallagher or he will attend in his place. The DRC advised for the recent application they did not have input from the EC.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Mullen reported the Zoning Committee has been working on the sign ordinance and is waiting for feedback from the legal professionals. Ms. Spann stated completion is in sight and voiced her appreciation to Mr. Mullen for his contributions.

Parks Commission – there was no Parks report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management – Mr. Mullen reported a large dangerous tree came down in Reinhardt Preserve and is blocking the yellow trail. He will contact DPW to clear the trail.

Princeton High School's World Wildlife Fund Club has volunteered to clear some of the trails. Dr. Lowery volunteered to organize the students.

Dr. Kohut reported there is a large limb blocking the Eagle Scout Trail. Mr. Mullen will contact DPW to clear the limb.

Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Vaccaro and Mr. Mullen met with Solar Landscape about community solar projects. They reported even if Cranbury Township does not participate, Cranbury residents can save 20-25% off their electric bills by having access to Perth Amboy's community solar project. The projects include installing solar panels on warehouses. The company reached out to Cranbury because the Township can receive Sustainable Jersey points. They set up job training including roofer skills and solar installation skills. Trainees can then get hired. It is not difficult to get warehouses to participate as they receive compensation to have the solar panels on their roofs. Members agreed it would be beneficial to partner with the Cranbury Library to offer a presentation on community solar projects.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Budget – After discussion, members agreed to mirror 2021's budget to submit to the Township Administrator.

APPLICATIONS

There was no discussion on applications.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Golisano reported the next EC meeting will be on Monday, November 15th.

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 Dr. Kohut, seconded by Ms. Vaccaro, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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 October 18, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 16th day of November, 2021.

Jean Golisano
Secretary
Environmental Commission