

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

December 20, 2021

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, December 20, 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

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

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Evelyn Spann, Township Committee Liaison
Mr. Brendan Hanson, Parks Commission
Brian Li, Eagle Scout Candidate

Mr. Mullen announced he was changing the order of the Agenda to cover the following two items up front.

Ms. Till will not be renewing her term on the EC, and Mr. Mullen thanked her for her hard work, contributions and time devoted to the EC, including the energy audit of Township buildings. She will be missed on the EC!

Brian Li, a Cranbury Boy Scout, gave a presentation on his proposed Eagle Scout project to create an orienteering course in the Cranbury Brook Preserve. Various members of the EC provided him with feedback and suggestions. Mr. Li would like to complete his proposal by early spring so that he can have the orienteering course in place by the end of the school year.

MINUTES

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

REPORTS

Liaison Report – Ms. Spann reported the Township Committee adopted three ordinances at its last meeting: Sign Ordinance (a consolidation of existing Ordinance); Snow Removal Ordinance (penalties added); and Historic Hamlet (homes were certified historic and the hamlet will be designated historic).

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher reported the Planning Board reviewed the Hamlet Ordinance and Sign Ordinance and determined both Ordinances were in compliance with the Master Plan.

DRC Report – Mr. Mullen stated the DRC Meeting would be addressed later in the Agenda.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Mullen reported the Zoning Committee met and reviewed 2021 accomplishments and brainstormed goals for the New Year, including another review of the Stormwater Management Ordinance and EV Ordinances.

Parks Commission – Mr. Brendan Hanson reported the wind sculptures should be delivered soon. Also, a resident who may be interested in becoming a Parks member, attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management – Mr. Mullen reported he cleared five trees from the yellow trail. He stated he did not have time to look at the red and blue trails.

Sustainable Jersey – Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Vaccaro reported the Cranbury School will apply for the designation of “Green Ribbon School”. Every year, a couple of schools from each state are awarded the Green Ribbon Schools designation for excelling in sustainability and environmental initiatives.

2021 Accomplishments/2022 Goals – Ms. Mullen requested members come prepared to discuss accomplishments/goals to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Mildenberg reported on an application that came before the DRC on December 2 claiming to be exempt from the Cranbury’s Riparian Zone Ordinance because it received an approval from the DEP. In the discussion which followed, EC members were reminded that the Township’s riparian zone ordinance is stronger than and takes priority over the State’s ordinance. Any

application that comes before our Boards must comply with Cranbury's Riparian Zone Ordinance or obtain a variance.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Mildenberg with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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 December 20, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 19th day of January, 2022

Jean Golisano

Secretary
Environmental Commission