

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

January 18, 2022

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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 5, 2022 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, Jason Mildenberg, Paul Mullen, and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Becky Mathers Lowery was excused. Mohan Gawande was absent.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Ms. Golisano administered Oaths of Office to Dr. Kohut and Mr. Mildenberg, who were reappointed to the EC with terms expiring on December 31, 2024.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Brendan Hanson, Parks Commission
Mr. Michael Cargill, Cranbury resident

MINUTES

Mr. Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes for the Minutes. Mr. Mullen and Ms. Vaccaro provided some edits, and Ms. Golisano will update the Minutes. On a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Dr. Krasting, the amended December Minutes were approved by all members present.

AGENDA CHANGE

Mr. Mullen announced he was changing the order of the Agenda to introduce Mr. Michael Cargill, a Cranbury resident considering joining the Environmental Commission. Mr. Cargill gave a brief summary of his experience and stated he would like to become more involved in the Township now that he is retired.

REPORTS

Liaison Report – There was no liaison report this evening.

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher reported the Planning Board had its Reorganization Meeting and also reviewed one application concerning a billboard on the Turnpike.

DRC Report – Mr. Mildenberg reported the January DRC Meeting was cancelled.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Mullen reported the Zoning Committee members will be appointed at the January 24th Township Committee. Ms. Evelyn Spann will be the 2022 Chair of the Committee.

Parks Commission – Mr. Brendan Hanson reported a bridge in the Cranbury Brook Preserve has washed out and needs repositioning. Ms. Golisano will notify Public Works. Mr. Hanson reported Ms. Sally O'Grady will be the 2022 Chair of Parks.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management – Mr. Mullen stated he has received emails reporting the geocache boxes are missing in Unami Woods and in Pin Oaks. Mr. Mullen has purchased replacement boxes for the two sites.

Dr. Kohut reported the Cranbury Brook Trail is in great shape; however, there is still a tree down on the Eagle Scout Trail that needs to be removed. Ms. Golisano will notify Public Works.

Sustainable Jersey

Community Solar – Ms. Vaccaro shared with members that community solar is an action item for Sustainable Jersey that will give sustainable points toward the Township achieving Silver Status. She explained that this is a third-party service that puts solar panels on warehouses and offers subscriptions for reduced energy costs to residents. Solar Landscape was recently offered a project in Monroe Township and two projects in Dayton that Cranbury residents can benefit from. Ms. Vaccaro stated the Township Committee has already done a letter of support for community solar. A resolution showing the Township supports the concept and education items for the community (web postings and Q&A sessions, possibly partnering with the Library) are also needed for Sustainable Jersey points. This item will be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

2021 Accomplishments/2022 Goals – Mr. Mullen shared the list of 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Goals with members. Dr. Kohut suggested adding the Commission's feedback for the cannabis ordinance as an accomplishment. Mr. Hanson suggested adding educating the residents about the spotted lanternfly as an accomplishment as well. Participating in the Township's 325th Anniversary Celebration will be added as a 2022 Goal. Mr. Mullen stated a goal

of particular concern is tightening up the Riparian Zone Ordinance. He will submit the EC's Accomplishments and Goals to the Mayor and Township Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Stream Clean Up – Mr. Mullen reported the Stream Clean Up Event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Locations for the event were discussed. Due to the Brainerd Lake Dredging Project completion date possibly being delayed, members agreed alternate locations may be necessary if Village Park is not available. Mr. Mullen will reach out to the Watershed for guidance on locations.

Cranbury Township's 325th Anniversary Celebration – Mr. Mullen reported Mayor Barbara Rogers has requested all Boards and Commission participate by providing some activity to celebrate the Township's 325th Anniversary. Ms. Golisano will add to next month's agenda for further discussion by members.

APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to discuss this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be on Tuesday, February 22, 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 Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Gallagher 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 January 18, 2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 23rd day of February, 2022.

Jean Golisano

Secretary
Environmental Commission