

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

March 21, 2022

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, March 21, 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

Michael Cargill, Jim Gallagher, Mohan Gawande, Josh Kohut, John Krasting, Becky Mathers, Paul Mullen, and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Jason Mildenberg was absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Brendan Hanson, Parks Commission

MINUTES

Mr. Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the February 22nd Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Cargill, the February 22nd Minutes were approved by Mr. Cargill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Mullen and Ms. Vaccaro. Dr. Kohut, Dr. Krasting and Dr. Mathers abstained.

REPORTS

Liaison Report – Mr. Scott was not present; however, Mr. Mullen reported the RSIS Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee at its March 14th meeting.

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher reported Jet Star (liquid nitrogen tank) was carried over to the April 7th meeting; WuXi (modifications to building) needs proper approvals from the County; and

Cranbury Station, LLC (warehouse) was carried over to the May 5th meeting. He reported Cooper Electric was approved for a large sign facing the Turnpike.

Mr. Gallagher inquired about the stockpiling of soil on east side of South Main Street, south of Cranbury circle. He stated he noticed the large mound of soil about a week ago and inquired if members were aware of any upcoming projects. Mr. Mullen will follow up with the Township Engineer.

DRC Report – There was no report this evening.

Zoning Committee – There was discussion about the Cooper Electric sign ordinance. Mr. Mullen stated the Zoning Committee will focus future meetings updating Cranbury's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and creating a complete Streets policy.

Parks Commission – Mr. Brendan Hanson reported the Parks Commission did not address anything pertaining to the EC at its meeting. He updated the members on the Art in the Park event on April 3rd and provided contact information to Mr. Mullen.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management – Mr. Mullen reported he purchased new aluminum trail markers for some trails and also had to replace two missing geocaches. The newly-purchased geocaches are smaller, which will make them more difficult to locate (not impossible) and less likely to be stolen. Mr. Mullen reported he cleared trees off the trails in the Reinhardt Forest Preserve.

Cranbury Stream Clean Up – Stream Clean Up will be held on April 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers will assemble at Village Park. Mr. Mullen stated the dredging should be complete by then and stated the area will need attention. Other areas requiring clean up include: Pin Oaks – off the trails and across the street, the trail behind Fire House and the trails in the Reinhardt Forest Preserve.

Sustainable Jersey

Community Solar – Mr. Mullen reported the Community Solar Resolution was not addressed at the last Township Committee meeting but should be on an upcoming agenda soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Stormwater Mapping – Dr. Krasting reported on the upcoming statewide changes to the MS4 Permit required by the DEP. Cranbury's permit expires on December 31, 2022. The requirements have changed from the last permit application five years ago to now include mapping and inventory of inlets. EC will check with Public Works Manager, Mr. Jerry Thorne, and Township Engineer, Mr. Tom Decker to ascertain if information is available. Public Works may know the "hot spots" in the Township. Dr. Krasting reported Princeton Township has created citizen brigades, including Princeton University graduate students and Princeton High School students to go street by street on online maps to map inlets. DEP provides tools and software licenses for mapping. It will need to be determined if Cranbury has to do mapping. Ms. Vaccaro has a contact through Sustainable Princeton who would be willing to talk to the EC members. Stormwater mapping can be valuable; however, conducting the mapping may likely be a budget issue.

Spotted Lanternfly – Mr. Mullen reported the invasive spotted lanternfly will again be a problem this year. EC will continue to educate residents by posting information on the website and sending out e-mail blasts.

Cranbury Township's 325th Anniversary Celebration – Hearing no other suggestions, Mr. Mullen stated that the EC's celebration of the Township's 325th Anniversary will focus on Cranbury's Open Spaces. The EC's table at the Arts in the Park celebration, the Health and Wellness Fair and Cranbury Day will feature a copy of the Open Spaces and Recreation Plan and the large Walking Trail map showing all of Cranbury's open spaces. Copies of the Tri-Fold Map showing all of Cranbury's hiking trails will be available to visitors to the EC table as a handout.

Health and Wellness Fair - The Municipal Alliance will be coordinating the Health and Wellness Fair on May 21st. Members discussed having a table and volunteers to work the table will have to be set before the event. Dr. Mathers offered to create a scavenger hunt for children.

APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to discuss this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Turnpike No Net Loss Trees – Mr. Mullen reported the trees on Old Cranbury Road are being strangled by vines and sucker trees. Mayor Rogers and Kathy Easton, Chair of Shade Tree have been advised. Mr. Mullen suggested providing the opportunity to Princeton High School students to clear these impediments for community service hours.

The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be on April 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 Dr. Mathers, seconded by Dr. Kohut with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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 21, 2022

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

Jean Golisano

Secretary
Environmental Commission