

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**July 18, 2022**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, July 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. Township website was previously updated with remote access information on April 24, 2020 and updated on June 18, 2020.

Ms. Golisano read into record the following statement:

**Cranbury Township  
Statement on Public Comment during Remote Meeting**

The public may electronically submit questions or comments to [igolisano@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:igolisano@cranbury-nj.com) or in written letter form via mail to Cranbury Township Town Hall no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled Committee Meeting. Name, address and phone or email must be included. Timely submitted questions or public comment shall be read aloud and addressed during the public meeting. Duplicate written comments may be summarized and noted for the record in a consistent manner.

To eliminate background noise so that all meeting participants may hear, please mute your microphone and remain in listening mode only. The Board Secretary will place all remote attendees on this platform on mute as well and will manage the order of the remote participant's comments. During public comment period(s), the Board Secretary will make an announcement that any remote participant seeking to comment must signify their intent by using the "raise hand" feature on Zoom. The Board Secretary will then unmute each participant individually when it is their designated time to speak. If you do not have a question or comment, please keep your microphone muted. Please unmute yourself only at the direction of the Board Secretary. All remote users must state their name and address at the beginning of his/her public comment. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes to comment.

Should a member of the public using the Zoom platform become disruptive, that individual will be kept on mute and receive a warning that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking or removed from the meeting entirely. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to speak. The Commission will facilitate a dialogue with all commenters to the extent permitted by Zoom technology

## **CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mr. Paul 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, Jason Mildenberg, Paul Mullen, and Theresa Vaccaro were present.

## **NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Sally O'Grady, Parks Commission Chair

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the June 20th Minutes. Hearing none, on a motion by Mr. Cargill, seconded by Ms. Vaccaro, the June 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved by Mr. Cargill, Dr. Mathers, Mr. Mullen and Ms. Vaccaro. Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Gawande, Dr. Kohut, Dr. Krasting and Mr. Mildenberg abstained.

## **REPORTS**

Township Committee Liaison Report – There was no report this evening.

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher reported the application for Cranbury Self-Storage at 116 South Main Street was carried over to the August meeting. He stated the Planning Board also reviewed applications from WuXi and J-Star Biologic at the July meeting for generators and tanks for liquid nitrogen. Mr. Gallagher reported new plans were posted for the Cranbury Station Road, LLC Project. The Planning Board reviewed and approved the Flood Plain Ordinance, which was later adopted by the Township Committee at its July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

DRC Report – There was no report this evening

Parks Commission – Ms. Sally O'Grady, Parks Commission Chair, reported the wind sculptures have been installed and the new date for the Art in the Park Celebration will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. O'Grady invited the EC to participate. Water/bottle filling stations for Heritage and Village Parks and bike racks for Heritage, Village and Millstone Parks will be purchased. Planning is continuing for the Village Park walking trail, which will be constructed of porous concrete and will be ADA accessible. Handicapped parking spaces accessible to the trail will be added. The Township Engineer is preparing an estimate of costs, and due to the increase of cost using the porous concrete, additional funds may need to be requested from next year's budget. Ms. O'Grady reported that Parks was presenting to the Township Committee at its August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting a request for ADA compatible playground equipment in Village Park.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Preserve Management – Mr. Mullen stated he had nothing to report. Ms. O'Grady reported she trimmed the Cranbury Brook Trail and her husband removed a tree which had fallen and was blocking the path. Dr. Mathers reported a tree was blocking the trail in Unami Woods.

Sustainable Jersey – There was no report this evening.

Eagle Scout Project Updates – Mr. Mullen reported Brian Li's orienteering course was completed over the weekend and the documentation has been posted on the EC website. Mr. Mullen

commended Mr. Li and stated the course will be enjoyed by many. Mr. Mullen reported Armaan Ahmed's project to create a sign and present an educational program on the purpose and value of the bioretention basin that will be part of the new library's stormwater management plan. There is no additional update at this time on the project.

Alfred Meiss Award – Dr. Kohut presented at the awards ceremony, which was well attended. Dr. Mathers requested the winner, Andrew Wu's essay be sent to the EC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications this evening.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be on September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Girl Scout Gold Award Project – Ms. Louise Campi Carroll, Liedtke Drive, attended the meeting to seek guidance from the EC for possible projects for her Gold Award Project. Ms. Carroll is interested in a sustainable project. Several ideas presented would not be acceptable, such as solar lights for the walking path since the parks close at dusk; however, EC members encouraged her to continue thinking outside the box on sustainable ideas.

Ms. Sally O'Grady, South Main Street, reported the Parks Commission created a "wish list" for Scout projects and encouraged the EC members to create their own list too. Scouts looking for ideas could complete projects that would benefit the parks and preserves.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Mr. Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Dr. Kohut with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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 four (4) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on July 18, 2022

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

*Jean Golisano*

Secretary  
Environmental Commission