

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**November 21, 2022**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00PM.

**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 and updated August 12, 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, Board Chairperson Paul Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, and Mary Anne Brown acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Paul Mullen, James Gallagher, Becky Mathers-Lowery, Jason Mildenberg, Theresa Vaccaro, Josh Kohut, Michael Cargill and Jessica Hess (7:03PM) were present. John Krasting was absent.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

None

**MINUTES**

Board Chairperson Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the September 19, 2022 minutes. Hearing none, on a motion by Board Member Vaccaro, seconded by Board Member Cargill, the September 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved by Board Chairperson Mullen, Board Member Mathers-Lowery, Board Member Vaccaro and Board Member Cargill. Board Member Gallagher, Board Member Mildenberg, Board Member Kohut and Board Member Hess abstained.

Board Chairperson Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the October 17, 2022 minutes. Hearing none, on a motion by Board Member Mathers-Lowery, seconded by Board Member Vaccaro, the October 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved by Board Chairperson Mullen, Board Member Mathers-Lowery, Board Member Vaccaro, Board Member Cargill and Board Member Hess. Board Member Gallagher, Board Member Mildenberg and Board Member Kohut abstained.

**REPORTS**

**Township Committee Liaison Report**

No report.

**Development Review Committee Report**

No report.

### Planning Board

Board Member Gallagher (Planning Board Rep) stated that there is nothing to report from the last meeting. He noted Cranbury Self Storage LLC, 116 So. Main Street will go before the Planning Board at the December 2022 meeting, which is a continuation from the July 2022 Planning Board meeting. He reported that there are potential environmental issues that he questioned and the minutes from the July meeting are posted on the township's website for the Board Members to review.

### Zoning Committee

No report.

### Parks Commission

Board Chairperson Mullen stated that the Parks Commission has made progress regarding a new trail through Village Park. He expressed concern with the appearance, what materials are going to be used and how it will be maintained. He will contact the Parks Commission.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Preserve Management

Board Chairperson Mullen received an email from the Princeton High School World Wide Foundation Club looking to perform volunteer work. He responded suggesting clean up at Reinhardt Preserve, along with a couple of benches, which they have made in the past. The club is also interested in providing trail maintenance; a tentative date for trail maintenance has been set in early December. Board Member Mullen will try to attend and invited any other members to attend as well.

### Sustainable Jersey

Board Chairperson Mullen and Board Member Vaccaro reported that the Sustainable Jersey Silver Plaque award was received in Town Hall.

Board Member Vaccaro reported that the Township Committee has decided not to move forward with the storm water utility feasibility study grant. There was discussion of joining in with neighboring municipalities as a regional study but the neighboring towns have also decided not to proceed. Board Chairperson Mullen stated that Mayor Barbara Rogers reached out to Middlesex County asking about the feasibility of a stormwater utility at the county level; the response was the county was in the process of pursuing funding for the southern Middlesex County flood mitigation study and if they are successful in receiving that funding it is possible that one of the recommendations could be the development of a stormwater utility.

### Spotted Lanternfly

Board Chairperson Mullen reported that the NJ Department of Agriculture has proposed expanding the Spotted Lanternfly quarantine to almost all of NJ. This does not have an impact on Cranbury because Cranbury is already a part of the quarantine. He stated that there is a proposed amendment from Department of Agriculture stating if a property owner in a quarantined area has a Tree of Heaven, they must have it removed at their own expense. Discussion followed regarding attacking the nymphs by banding favorite trees in the springtime, advising residents of this method and possibly using budget money to band trees on township property. The Environmental Commission will reach out to the Shade Tree Commission to coordinate efforts against Spotted Lanternfly in the springtime.

#### Cranbury Public Library Bioretention Basin Sign

Board Chairperson Mullen reported that the sign has been installed and looks good.

#### Eagle Scout Project Update

Board Chairperson Mullen stated that the Eagle Scout project is complete. It is a partial website advising residential property owners on what they can do to manage stormwater runoff. The Eagle Scout is working on a video to be added to the website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2023 Budget

Board Members discussed the future projects, training and any additional items to be funded from the 2023 Environmental Commission Budget. The Board Members in attendance agreed on the total amount requested in the budget. Board Chairperson Mullen will finalize the budget request and submit to the Township Administrator.

#### 2023 Proposed Meeting Dates

All Board Members in attendance agree to the list of 2023 proposed meeting dates provided by the Board Secretary.

#### 2022 Member Term Expirations

No Board Members terms are expiring the end of 2022.

### **APPLICATIONS**

No applications.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None this evening.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Board Chairperson Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Board Member Gallagher, seconded by Board Member Kohut, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

### **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 November 21, 2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

Mary Anne Brown

Environmental Commission Board Secretary