

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

January 23, 2023

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, January 23, 2023 at 7:03PM.

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 6, 2023, 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 7:03PM, and Mary Anne Brown acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Mullen, James Gallagher, John Krasting, Becky Mathers-Lowery and Jason Mildenberg present. Theresa Vaccaro, Josh Kohut, Michael Cargill and Jessica Hess were absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally O'Grady, Parks Commission Chair

MINUTES

Board Chairperson Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the December 19, 2022 minutes.

Board Member Mullen proposed an amendment to the minutes under New Business - ZBA363-22: Request for Riparian Zone variance at 175 N. Main Street – adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: “The Zoning Board further agreed to grant the Applicant a variance for the extensive and unauthorized removal of vegetation within the riparian zone, subject to the condition that the area be remediated as quickly as possible following a remediation plan provided by the Zoning Board's Landscape Architect and with the approval of the Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Commission.”

On a motion by Board Chairperson Mullen, seconded by Board Member Mildenberg, the December 19, 2022 Minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Township Committee Liaison Report

No report.

Development Review Committee Report

No report.

Planning Board

Board Member Gallagher stated that the January 5th meeting of the Planning Board was Reorganization. He also stated that there was an application by Home Depot, 61 Station Road for a smoking kiosk that was approved. At the December meeting the Cranbury Self Storage on South Main Street was approved. Board Member Gallagher stated that there is an upcoming Planning Board Resolution with the reworking of the circle on Route 130. Once finalized he will bring a copy to the Environmental Commission.

Zoning Committee

No report.

Parks Commission

Sally O'Grady, Parks Commission Chair reported on the following:

- The Unami Trail needs to be reblazed. The Brook Trail is not blazed at all.
- The Brook Trail is not on the Township Website and asked that it be added and mapped.
- Beaver damage to a tree on the Pin Oaks Trail.
- Blank sign holders at the entrance to Pin Oaks and the Preserve that she believes are for deer management. If deer management is currently in progress the signs need to be posted. If it is not deer management season she suggested that the sign blanks be removed. Board Chairperson Mullen will follow up.
- The laminated trail sign at the beginning of the Unami trailhead is illegible.
- The ½ mile walking trail in Village Park will be installed this spring. It is not impervious coverage; it will be made with material that looks like asphalt but is porous. A map of where the trail will be located was provided. This spring the Parks Department will be holding its annual Art in the Park Day in Village Park after the completion of the walking trail. She invited the EC to have a table at the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management

Board Member Mathers-Lowery reported on a downed tree on the blue trail in Reinhardt Preserve. She will send a picture to Board Chairperson Mullen for follow up.

Sustainable Jersey

No report.

ZBA363-22: Request for Riparian Zone variance at 175 N. Main Street

No report.

Woodbridge Power Plant Resolution

Board Chairperson Mullen stated that the Township Committee approved the Resolution against the Woodbridge Power Plant.

PB365-22: Warehouse at corner of Station Rd & Hightstown-Cranbury Station Rd
No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Stream Cleanup

The Board agreed to set the date for stream cleanup as April 22, 2023.

2022 Accomplishments/2023 Goals and Objectives

Board Members discussed their 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Goals& Objectives and finalized the lists to be presented to the Township Committee.

APPLICATIONS

No applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally O'Grady, South Main Street, discussed the walking trail along Old Cranbury Road from Pin Oaks Drive to the Pin Oaks Loop Trail parking lot. She stated that the trail is used as a sidewalk and is in disrepair. She provided pictures to the Board Members.

Ms. O'Grady requested a swap pile on Cranbury Bulk Waste Day. She has mentioned this idea in the past, but the issue of insurance was brought up.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Board Chairperson Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Board Member Mathers-Lowery, seconded by Board Member Gallagher, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

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 23, 2023

Mary Anne Brown

Environmental Commission Board Secretary