

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

March 20, 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 Tuesday, March 20, 2023 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 6, 2023, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin Commission, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Commission 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, Jason Mildenberg, John Krasting, Theresa Vaccaro and Michael Cargill present. Becky Mathers-Lowery, Josh Kohut and Jessica Hess were absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Brendan Hanson, Parks Commission Co-Chair and Barbara Rogers, Township Committee Liaison

MINUTES

Commission Chairperson Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the February 21, 2023 minutes. Hearing none, on a motion by Commission Member Krasting, seconded by Commission Member Gallagher, the February 21, 2023 Minutes were approved by all members present with one abstention by Commission Member Vaccaro.

REPORTS

Township Committee Liaison Report

Barbara Rogers, Township Committee Liaison reported on the following:

- Tour de Cranbury is scheduled for May 7th starting at Village Park.
- Sustainability Summit, part of Sustainable Jersey, is on May 5th. It is an update on what New Jersey is doing in the sustainability area.
- Cranbury School 125th Anniversary will be celebrated the last week of April.
- Mayor's Walk to School Day is on April 25th.
- Attended the Watershed Institute conference on the MS4 Permits.

Development Review Committee Report

No report.

Planning Commission

Commission Member Gallagher reported at the March 2nd Planning Board Meeting Resolutions were adopted for previous approvals for Cranbury Self Storage and Home Depot. Applications were presented for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and roof top solar panel installation at two (2) separate warehouses. He stated that the next Planning Board Meeting on April 6th will be held at the Cranbury Library.

Zoning Committee

No report.

Parks Commission

No report.

Commission Chairperson Mullen questioned the green mesh that is around the volleyball court at Village Park. Brendan Hanson, Parks Commission Co-Chair will take back to the Parks Commission for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management

Commission Chairperson Mullen created a new map and included the Brook Trail at Unami Woods. He also updated the tri-fold map of the Cranbury hiking trails, which has been posted on the township's Environmental Commission page.

Commission Chairperson Mullen stated he would like to update the large walking trail map to show the other open spaces in Cranbury, not just those with walking trails.

Cranbury Brook Preserve Kiosk Update

Commission Chairperson reported that the information posted in the Cranbury Brook Preserve Kiosk has been removed to allow the Public Works Department to repair the kiosk. Once the kiosk is repaired the information will be posted.

Reinhardt Trail Maintenance

Commission Member Mullen reported that the trail maintenance scheduled on March 19th with the World Wildlife Fund Club of Princeton has been rescheduled to March 26th. The two (2) benches the club made will be placed in Reinhardt Preserve the same day.

Sustainable Jersey

Dr. Rogers reviewed the steps Cranbury has taken to become part of Sustainable Jersey and the work to achieve silver status. She stated the Sustainable Jersey's website lists the accomplishments of Cranbury Township. Discussion followed regarding posting a report of Cranbury Township's action items or a link to Sustainable Jersey on the township's website.

Commission Member Vaccaro stated that the school contacted her regarding continuing their Sustainable Jersey work. She met with the enrichment teacher and will report to the school administration to begin the process for recertification.

Commission Member Vaccaro reported that the Cranbury Lions Club has invited her to discuss the Environmental Commission in May.

Stream Cleanup

Discussion followed regarding Stream Cleanup Day to be held on April 22, 2023, and adding South Main Street, south of the circle to be cleaned up. Only adults will be allowed in that area due to high traffic area.

NEW BUSINESS

Reschedule June 19, 2023 EC Meeting

Due to Town Hall being closed on June 19, 2023 in observance of holiday, Commission Members are in agreement to reschedule June's Environmental Commission Meeting to June 20, 2023.

APPLICATIONS

No applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Commission Chairperson Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Commission Member Mildenberg, seconded by Commission Member Gallagher, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM.

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 20, 2023

Mary Anne Brown

Environmental Commission Secretary