

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

July 17, 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, July 17, 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, Chairperson Paul Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, and Paul Mullen acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Mullen, Josh Kohut, John Krasting, Theresa Vaccaro, Jason Mildenberg, John Reinfelder and Michael Cargill were present. Becky Mathers was excused, and Jessica Hess was absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Township Committee Liaison, Steven Censi, Eagle Scout, Kathleen Censi, Mother, Jennifer Schneider, Solar Landscape

Chairperson Mullen asked that members advise the Board Secretary in advance if they will be absent from a meeting.

MINUTES

Chairperson Mullen stated that the minutes for May 15, 2023, still needed to be approved because there were not enough Members at June's meeting to approve. Chairperson Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes to the May 15, 2023, minutes. Hearing none, on a motion by Chairperson Mullen, seconded by Commission Member Reinfelder, the May 15, 2023, minutes were approved by all members present with one abstention by Commission Member Vaccaro.

Chairperson Mullen reported that a correction needed to be made to the June 20, 2023, minutes. The spelling of Commission Member Cargill last name in the "Members in Attendance" portion had the letter "h" added to it. Chairperson Mullen inquired if there were any other edits or changes to the June 20, 2023, minutes. Hearing none, on a motion by Commission Member Kohut, seconded by Commission Member Cargill, the June 20, 2023, amended minutes were approved by all members present with one abstention by Commission Member Krasting.

Steven Censi-Eagle Scout project-

Chairperson Mullen reported that the order of the meeting would be amended slightly to allow Scout Censi to present his Eagle Scout project first. Eagle Scout Steven Censi presented his project idea for Spotted Lanternfly Traps. Commission Member Kohut suggested making an educational video so that residents can see the effect on the environment. Chairperson Mullen is to be Scout Censi's primary contact for the project.

Cranbury Brook Preserve Kiosk Update-

Chairperson Mullen provided an update on Eagle Scout Kona Macallister's behalf who was not in attendance. Chairperson Mullen reported the Kiosk should be completed by end of September.

REPORTS

Township Committee Liaison Report

No report.

Development Review Committee Report

Commission Member Mildenberg reported on the DRC meeting held on July 13, 2023.

Planning Commission

No report.

Parks Commission

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management

Hagerty Property- Chairperson Mullen reported that Chairperson Kathy Easton of the Shade Tree Commission could not attend tonight's meeting. Commission Member Reinfelder recommended the area not be mowed to allow the young trees to grow and return to their natural state. Chairperson Mullen reported that Chairperson Easton stated it is not advisable to mow at this time as the forest is still very young. Barbara Rogers, TC Liaison, reported that the invasive species need to be controlled. Chairperson Mullen reported that Chairperson Easton will use the same consultants used on the Village Park tree replant project for the Hagerty Property Project. Chairperson Mullen reported that the Hagerty Property Project will be referred to Chairperson Easton of the Shade Tree Commission.

Trail Maintenance Guidelines - Chairperson Mullen reported that the use of chainsaws by residents is not allowed for insurance purposes. Chairperson Mullen reported that the use of small handheld tools is permitted to help maintain the overgrowth of brush along the trails.

Sustainable Jersey- Jennifer Schneider, a representative for Solar Landscape, presented the benefits of Community Solar. Community Solar is a state clean energy program that approves large solar installations to be built locally and connected to the community electricity grid, enabling local

households to access clean energy at a discount without installing solar panels themselves. Chairperson Mullen will work with the Township Committee Member Dr. Rogers to get information out to the public.

Cranbury Day 2023 - Chairperson Mullen requested confirmation on who would be in attendance to work the EC table at Cranbury Day. Chairperson Mullen and Commissioners Mathers, Cargill, Krasting and Kohut reported that they will not be in attendance. Commissioners Reinfelder, Vaccaro, Mildenberg and Hess will work the table along with Dr. Rogers.

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 Vaccaro, seconded by Commission Member Kohut, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

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 July 17, 2023

Donna Wyckoff

Environmental Commission Secretary