

**MINUTES**  
**HOPE TOWNSHIP**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM**  
**February 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Monica Sobon

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:***

The secretary read the "Open Public Meetings Act"  
Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the New Jersey Herald on January 24, 2017 and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board. .

Present at this meeting were: Chairman, Monica Sobon, Vice Chair Ellen Benoit (via telephone), Lacey DiTondo, Patty Maertens, Evan Rupff, Annette Morse. Absent were John Lucas, Betsy Peterson, Virginia Caballero.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2017 Reorganization meeting have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Maertens, seconded by DiTondo, to approve the minutes as submitted. By voice vote, all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Sobon discussed the creation of a member list for distribution to all members, asking all on the Commission to fill in information and voice whether or not it was OK to publish and distribute to all the EC members. All were OK and in favor of doing so.

ANJAC training was briefly discussed with mention made of the possibility of carpooling for those members attending the training.

Grants – Ellen reported ANJAC grants to revise the ERI no longer exist but that the Land Conservancy can help to update it according to correspondence received. Ellen will follow up and work with Barbara Haskins-Davis on getting this done by deadline.

Green Fair – Discussions took place regarding vendors (i.e., Lularoe) and whether or not to allow such vendors into the fair (how would they fit into the "green" theme of the Fair as they are not locally made/visually attractive). DiTondo suggested that next year new guidelines be created to for vendors wanting to take part in the Fair (i.e., jury) and that we should be careful with setting precedents on who is allowed to take part as a vendor. The set up of the Fair was discussed (EC table will be the first table seen), information tables next (solar, Mosquito Commission) and vendors down the side (green vendors first, followed by "other" vendors). Access to school gym will be through doors in lower parking lot (doors closest to Johnsonburg Road) and exit will be from the set of doors nearest the dumpster in the school's parking lot – Freecycle will be located near the exit doors. Sobon is following up on Medicine Drop attending the Fair. PTA will be

providing food for the Fair. Asking for the kids (Sustainable Jersey) to get involved in the Green Fair (maybe a contest “Trash to Treasure” and win a \$50 gift certificate from the Toy Chest). Discussion about having the “Recycle Police” be young children from the school. Each vendor will be responsible for their own raffle. DiTondo stated she would try to find out if Flemington Ford can bring their electric car to the Fair.

Appreciation Dinner – Sobon reported that the EC giveaways were well received at the dinner.

Taryn (NJ Watershed Ambassador) has been keeping in touch with DiTondo re: seedling giveaway and rain barrel workshop.

Gas station application was briefly discussed re: how close to coming to vote for passing it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sobon received an email from JCP&L regarding herbicide spraying/tree cutting.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business before the commission, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Morse, seconded by Maertens.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robin L. Keggan**

Secretary