

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
March 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 February 21, 2017 meeting have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by DiTondo, seconded by Morse, to approve the minutes with minor typographic (i.e. spelling of names) to be corrected by Board secretary. By voice vote, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling/Tonnage – A note was made that Lin Gabel is the coordinator for Hope Township via contract that was made with the Township Committee. She will be paid her fee through grant money.

ERI Update – The paperwork was submitted to the Land Conservancy (Barbara Heskins-Davis) to try to obtain help (grant money) for paying to update the ERI. A question was raised about "Plan B" if the grant through the Land Conservancy was not available to us due to overwhelming amount of applications they received. It was noted that it is possible that the EC may be able to update the ERI themselves, perhaps with the help of the TC.

Green Fair – Discussed the set-up of the Fair and the fact that Don Whitmore will be helping us to set up/break down the Fair this year.

Gas Station – A short discussion was held regarding status of the application before the Planning Board and any updates that have occurred. It was noted that anything the EC wants on the record should be submitted ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Gruener, Superintendent of the Warren County Mosquito Commission, attended our meeting and presented a slide presentation to the EC. It was very

informative and gave much information that most of the EC members were not aware of. Discussion with her was held about methods and chemicals used by the WC Mosquito Commission. Everyone at the meeting was of the same mindset that they were much more comfortable with the WC Mosquito Commission and their methods, etc. after speaking to her and watching the slide show.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin L. Keggan

Secretary