

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
MAY 16, 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, Patty Maertens, Evan Rupff, Annette Morse. Absent were Lacey DiTondo, John Lucas, Betsy Peterson and Virginia Caballero.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2017 meeting were distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Benoit, seconded by Rupff, to approve the minutes. By voice vote, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling - A discussion took place re: follow-up to recycling at the Municipal Building by the town's garbage company (Balbi). It was noted that a phone call was placed to them and they were alerted that no one was picking up the recycling separately. They told us that they would handle it and it would be picked up separate from the garbage dumpster. Also discussed recycling and being proactive at the town picnic – potential theme of "How to Get to Zero Waste".

Grants/ERI - Hope Township received a grant for \$10,000 to use towards the update of the ERI through Sustainable Jersey. Discussion took place re: what contents should be included in the updated ERI. Monica asked that all EC members take a chapter that they're interested in.

Green Fair - Pictures of seedlings handed out at the Green Fair are needed. Reviewed the Green Fair date, etc. Will be working a little each month on this at meetings to avoid last minute preparations.

Gas Station – 5/30.17 – next meeting. Need the letter the EC sent re need for updated EIS to be read into the record.

Emerald Ash Borer – Make people aware of this by posting on the EC page on Facebook, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

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