

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
JUNE 20, 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, Lacey DiTondo, Evan Rupff, Annette Morse and Betsy Peterson. Absent were Vice Chair Ellen Benoit, Patty Maertens, John Lucas and Virginia Caballero.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2017 meeting were distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Rupff, seconded by Morse, to approve the minutes. By voice vote, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling – A follow-up discussion on the state of recyclable pick up was had. It was noted that Balbi has been sending a separate recycling truck to the municipal building to collect recyclables. Don picks up recycling from Grange and Community Center and puts it in the recycling dumpster behind the municipal building. We need to post recycling stickers on cans so that each can is used correctly. Swayze Mill is not recycling – we need to be able to restrict what gets put into the recycling containers there (i.e., circular top containers needed). Chairperson Sobon is networking with the school in asking for their help with recycling through the students there.

Grants/ERI - Chairperson Sobon has asked that each EC member pick 2 chapters of the ERI to work with for updating. Having the Land Conservancy listen to the EC and our needs would be beneficial to us so that Hope Township is not "cookie cuttered" as far as the ERI is concerned.

Green Fair - Facilities use request form was placed on the TC agenda... once it is approved by the TC it will go on to the school to be placed on their next available BOE agenda.

Gas Station – 7/31/17 – next meeting.

Emerald Ash Borer – emeraldashborer.nj.gov. has printable information.

NEW BUSINESS

September Township Picnic – EC needs to determine how to best instill the zero waste concept to all the Township residents. Recycle/Trash game is a possibility. Perhaps use biodegradable plates/cups/etc.

Swayze Mill – Signs are up for camera surveillance; the EC is looking at planting pollinator wildflower seeds somewhere near the lake. Need to speak with Don Whitmore about placement.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin L. Keggan

Secretary