

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Ellen Benoit (by phone), Lacey DiTondo, Evan Rupff, Annette Morse, Patty Maertens and Betsy Peterson. Absent were John Lucas and Virginia Caballero. Also in attendance was Nancy Arnot, as Hope Township Elementary School liaison.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2017 meeting were distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Rupff, seconded by DiTondo, to approve the minutes. By voice vote, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling – A follow-up discussion was held regarding dumpsters and how to manage recycling items vs. trash items at the picnic. It was determined to call the Hope Township garbage/recycling company and ask them to bring a dumpster and a few recycling receptacles to Swayze Mill in time for the picnic.

Grants/ERI - Nothing new to report. There are links on Dropbox with the new maps sent to everyone.

Green Fair - Approval still pending for the Green Fair's use of Hope Township's school and parking lots. Looking into getting a banner that reads "Green Fair This Saturday" to post as more signage is needed. T-shirts were discussed and it was recommended they be made without dates on them so they can be used from year-to-year (Sam Marotta is the contact).

Gas Station – 10/2/17 – next meeting.

Emerald Ash Borer – Still waiting on clarification of which tree out front of the Municipal Building is an ash tree.

NEW BUSINESS

Master Plan – Has to be approved by the Planning Board every 10 years. PB approved “as is” because it was a necessity to not miss the 10 year deadline. The caveat to approval was an open meeting to the public to create addendums and important things to add to the Master Plan.

Green Team – A discussion was held regarding the Green Team and fundraising and how to make sure that any fundraising money that is raised is received by the Green Team. A question was raised about the Green Team opening their own checking account. Also discussed was asking the CFO to put the Green Team in as a line item in the budget so as to maintain separate funds.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin L. Keggan
Secretary