MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
OCTOBER 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, 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: Patty Maertens, Annette Morse, Betsy Peterson, Evan Rupff and Chairperson Sobon. Absent were Lacey DiTondo, Ellen Benoit, John Lucas and Virginia Caballero.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2017 meeting were distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Peterson, to approve the minutes with a minor revision to Ms. Arnot being referenced as the school liaison (she as only standing in for the actual school liaison). 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 Swayze Mill. Liaison Beatty suggested that the dumpsters be painted (Sobon actually reported that the Hope Township children in the CARE Club will be doing this) so that they stand out as being recycling receptacles and not for garbage. Also discussed was placement of signs and a banner on the backstop stating that "Hope Township Recycles". The EC is in the process of contacting to the school liaison to inquire how we can make it a contest for the school children to draw up a banner that is ultimately used on the backstops.

Grants/ERI - The cover of the ERI has been chosen (will feature the Hope Museum).

Green Fair - Approval still officially pending for the Green Fair's use of Hope Township's school and parking lots although it has been unofficially reported that the request was approved. Once written approval is obtained, the EC can start contacting vendors, etc. to let them know the date of the Fair and ascertain their interest in participation.

Gas Station – 11/6/17 – next meeting. The need for a strong request from the EC being made about an independent third party EIS was discussed. Sobon and Peterson will compose a letter to the Zoning Board Secretary regarding this. Sobon requested that the EC members look at the Burton Engineering proposal and how it stacks up to the

Township's ordinance on EIS requirements and if their proposal sufficiently addresses those requirements.

Picnic – Sobon asked for feedback on the Environmental Commission's representation at the Picnic. It was noted that Caballero did a great job with the envelopes and bows. Project Medicine Drop should be advertised more if possible, but regardless should always be part of the picnic. The kids were a success policing the recycling vs. garbage receptacles.

Green Team – Sobon requested an update on the status of whether or not the Green Team is eligible to fundraise for their own benefit since they do not have a checking account. Beatty responded that as of January 2018 a request will need to be made to add a line item to the budget for Green Team so that any monies raised by the Green Team can be properly earmarked and drawn on by them.

NEW BUSINESS

Hope Historic Collaboration Meeting – Sobon distributed via email an invitation from the Hope Historical Commission to their meeting on November 5 at the municipal building. It is a potluck.

Trunk or Treat – Sobon mentioned that Patti Whitmore asked the EC their thoughts on being part of the Trunk or Treat celebration on Halloween – if we'd like to participate and hand out pencils, candy, etc. It was determined that the EC would not get involved in it especially at this late date.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the commission, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Peterson, seconded by Rupff at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin L. Keggan
Secretary