

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Monica Sobon

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

The chairman 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, Patty Maertens and Betsy Peterson. Absent were Ellen Benoit, John Lucas, Annette Morse and Virginia Caballero.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of October 17 were put off to December's Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling – There will be follow up with the garbage hauler that dropped off the recycling dumpsters at Swayze Mill Park and the School field to ensure they can be painted, and if they are metal or plastic. Everyone will check to see if they have outdoor/metal (or plastic) paint that can be donated to this project.

Grants/ERI - Still waiting on Land Conservancy for final ERI material; All EC members are encouraged to attend the special Planning Board meeting to discuss the Master Plan

Green Fair - Hope Historical Commission will be at the Green Fair scanning photos for their digitizing project.

Gas Station – December 4 – next Planning Board meeting.

Green Communities – Still need to follow up on the first clean up before the second is scheduled

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Board of Adjustment re: Benny Marino, Block 2700, Lot 4200 Bulk Variance for a Pole Barn on 202 Shiloh Road in front yard.– The EC will submit a memo to the Zoning Board mentioning concern for the nearby wetlands, possible slope into the Anderson brook, and to question the function of the structure.

Hope 250th Anniversary Celebration – DiTondo volunteered to represent the EC at the proposed anniversary committee. All EC members are welcome to share their suggestions with DiTondo.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica M. Sobon
Chairman