

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM
DECEMBER 19, 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, Ellen Benoit, Annette Morse. Absent were John Lucas and Virginia Caballero.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2017 were approved by motion of Peterson and 2nd by Maertens. All in favor. The minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were approved by motion of DiTondo and 2nd by Rupff. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants/ERI - Everyone needs to try to look at the link provided by Barbara Haskins Davis to review the ERI. One hard copy is at the building and available for inspection. There is a conference call with the Land Conservancy set up for 1/9/2018 with Ellen Benoit to discuss the draft and its presentation to the Planning Board.

Green Fair - Work is progressing on the Green Fair. Draft flyers were distributed to members for input/comment. It was noted that Brian Kathenes may not be able to attend the Green Fair this year to do his normal valuation of items.

Gas Station – January 29, 2018 – next Planning Board meeting.

Green Communities – Looking into getting a checking account for the Green Team so that donations can be accepted and in turn items purchased/projects started for the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Budget – Chairman Sobon presented a budget for review by the Commission for presentation to the Township Committee. Peterson moved to accept the proposed budget. Benoit 2nd. All in favor.

2018 Meeting Schedule – The schedule of 2018 Environmental Commission meetings was presented by Sobon. Peterson moved to accept the proposed meeting schedule. DiTondo 2nd. All in favor.

Radon – Judy Fisher, RMC, secured a \$2,000 grant for radon kits and we received little kits for possible distribution at the Green Fair.

Appreciation Dinner Give Aways – Start thinking of ideas as the dinner is approaching.

Notes for the Good of the Order – Sobon spoke about George Beatty's contribution to the EC as our liaison and thanked him for all of his efforts and hard work. Several other people spoke as well regarding George and all he has done for the Township of Hope.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Keggan, Secretary