

**MINUTES**  
**HOPE TOWNSHIP**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and GREEN TEAM**  
**JANUARY 23, 2018 - REORGANIZATION**

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 26, 2018 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, Betsy Peterson, Ellen Benoit, Annette Morse, John Lucas. Absent was Virginia Caballero.

**REORGANIZATION**

Chairperson: Nomination of Sobon made by DiTondo; seconded by Peterson. All in favor. Sobon accepted.

Vice-Chairperson: Nomination of Benoit made by Sobon; seconded by Peterson. All in favor. Benoit accepted.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2017 were approved by motion of DiTondo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Benoit. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made to accept the meeting schedule/dates and to move the time from 7 pm to 6:30 pm. DiTondo motioned; Lucas seconded. All in favor.

Appreciation Dinner Giveaways – Idea gathering/brainstorming took place. Several options were discussed (tote bags, insulated bags, etc) Flyer will be handed out at Appreciation Dinner.

Green Fair - Work is progressing on the Green Fair. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be working on a presentation that ties into a current event in Hope. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will be discussing butterfly gardens. Discussion took place about inviting people back that were on the list of attendees from last year. Update of flyer will take place once we know who will be attending.

ERI - Attending the Planning Board meeting on 2/5/18 to present it to them. Please let Monica know of any changes you feel are necessary before then. Land Conservancy will be in attendance at the meeting as well.

Gas station – Alfia Schemm sent a memo that the Singh application will not be heard on 1/29 or 2/5/18. 3/5/18 is the next day gas station will be heard. Any new letters or information, please put it together for the next meeting.

Recycling – Painting of dumpsters – tabled until next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin Keggan, Secretary