

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

October 16, 2023

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00PM.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on January 6, 2023, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin Commission, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairperson Paul Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Mullen, Becky Mathers, Jason Mildenberg, Josh Kohut, John Reinfelder and Theresa Vaccaro were present. John Krasting and Mike Cargill were excused, and Jessica Hess was absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Claire Paul - Watershed Ambassador

MINUTES

The September 18, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. Upon a motion by Chairperson Mullen, seconded by Commission Member Mathers, with all members present in agreement, the motion to adopt the September 18, 2023, meeting minutes was passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Township Committee Liaison Report

No Report

Development Review Committee Report

No Report

Planning Commission

Commission Member Mildenberg reported on the Planning meeting held on October 5, 2023.

Parks Commission

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management

Walking Trail Maintenance-

Chairperson Mullen reported that he replaced weathered boards on the Scout bridge on the Pin Oaks Loop trail. He also reported that the trail map was missing at the trail head and that a more durable sign has been ordered and will be posted at the trailhead. Chairperson Mullen also noted the presence of poison ivy and the need to remove it only if it is within the borders of the trail. Chairperson Mullen also reported that the DPW had mowed a new trail on the Pin Oaks Loop trail that creates two smaller loops. Though not requested by the EC, this is an improvement that the EC will include into the trail map. Chairperson Mullen reported that he followed up on a resident complaint of the Unami Woods Trail and that the second entrance to the trail has been cleaned up and yellow trail markers have been added to the trail. Commissioner Mathers reported that she walked the Brook Trail and that a section within the floodplain was extremely difficult to follow. Chairperson Mullen suggested the EC explore re-routing the trail further from the stream where possible.

Village Park Rain Garden

Chairperson Mullen reported that he re-graded the inlet to the rain garden, maintenance that should be performed yearly.

Sustainable Jersey

Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping-

Chairperson Mullen reported that TC liaison Dr. Rogers is still waiting to hear back with information on training and getting the license for the handheld equipment.

Scout Projects

Cranbury Brook Preserve Kiosk-

Chairperson Mullen reported that Scout Kona Macallister is scheduled to remove the old kiosk next week. Chairperson Mullen reported that he removed all the items from the old kiosk in preparation for the new kiosk.

Lanternfly Trap-

Chairperson Mullen reported that Scout Steven Censi still needs to submit his final proposal to the Committee. Chairperson Mullen reported that Scout Censi plans to make one hundred circle Lanternfly traps to place in the parks by Spring 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Ameri-Corps NJ Watershed Ambassador Program

Claire Paul, Watershed Ambassador reported on the details of the NJ Watershed Ambassador Program. Ms. Paul reported that she is available to train the EC Members to perform water quality testing and how to submit findings to the NJDEP. Chairperson Mullen stated that he would be interested in the training. Commission Member Kohut suggested that they get the Scouts involved in any upcoming Watershed projects.

APPLICATIONS

No applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Commission Chairperson Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commission Member Reinfelder. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, and that this document, consisting of three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 16, 2023

Donna Wyckoff

Environmental Commission Secretary