

Minutes of Meeting for Environmental Commission

March 28, 2022

The meeting of Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, NJ on Monday, March 28, 2022, and was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair, Amanda Schmidt.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertised in The New Jersey Herald and The Express Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE:

ATTENDANCE:

Marty Connor
Wendy Goetz
Alan DeCarolis
Amanda Schmidt
Desary Ramsey
Bob Stock
Jim Simonetti (absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 28, 2022, meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Marty Connor. All in favor, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marty Connor spoke about White Ash Trees Grant, and it was stated there was money available at \$1,500.00 but because the Town received a Grant last year, the town is unable to submit for this year. DPW should be checking on hazardous trees.
- Alan DeCarolis will get in touch with Chris Kuhn about letter he was compiling for the White Ash Tree Grant.
- The Township website is not up to date, needs agenda and not as "Pretty" as the old website as stated by Wendy Goetz. Minutes should be on website and call Keith Ramos about it.
- E-Waste Collection Day: Donna Zilberfarb, offered to get info and to get back to commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brag Farm application review needs more detail as to what is being presented. Farm application is calling for forty cabins, one new home for owner (there are three existing homes on site), and a community center. Alan DeCarolis asked if there is a maximum Wetland buffer, Farmland preservation, and can it be constructed someplace else. Alan DeCarolis suggested that a sub-committee be made up to inspect the property in said application. Alan DeCarolis was concerned about Nitrates, which are common components of fertilizer and explosives. Almost all inorganic Nitrates are soluble in water.
- Marty Connor mentioned that Donna Zilberfarb oversaw Urban Forest.
- Marty Connor suggested that Amanda Schmidt needs to get information from Donna Zilberfarb on how to set up an E-Waste project
- Community Projects suggested by Bob Stock. Amanda Schmidt had several suggestions. Such as: Heather Housekeeper, The Botanical Hiker, Mushroom Farmer, Mushroom Walk and Talk (through the woods at Rec Center) along with several other ideas. Marty Connor brought up The Bat House project for this year and thought to have the scouts Boy/Girl supply refreshments. (Good for their merit badges)
- Alan DeCarolis questioned time of meeting; and alternate position discussed.
- Bob Stock suggested Emails be sent out 3-4 days before meetings for review and a reminder

- Alan DeCarolis suggested to reach out to neighboring townships as to what type of projects they had going on/planning. Keep the lines of communication open for all.
- Wendy Goetz spoke about “Green Team” not enough volunteers, help in getting township grants 2-3 meetings/sessions a year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No Executive Session
- **CORRESPONDENCE**
- Hope Township Green Fair
- Discussed/review Land Use Board letter

ADJOURNMENT:

- Amanda Schmidt motioned to adjourn meeting, Marty Connor seconded, all were in favor, Aye Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.