

Minutes of Meeting for Environmental Commission

July 25, 2022

The meeting of Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, NJ on Monday, July 25, 2022, and was called to order at 7:05 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 (absent)
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:

- 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christine Dunbar and spoke on behalf of The River Friendly Farm.
- What it entailed
- Who has begun to participate in the program?
- Grants

- What type of outreach they are using?
- Asked to be put on website
- Alan didn't see benefit
- Marty questioned some practices
- Road salting, how it can be improved/less hazardous, water polluting, being monitored, aquatic life

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Christine Dunbar spoke of:
- 5th grade Stillwater trip teaching of pollution, visit Fairview Camp, Sunrise Mountain and other environmental programs, pictures of recipients
- Fall clean-up/roadside also, Boy Scout/Girl Scouts
- 3 Organizations receive \$500.00 each

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No Executive Session

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

- Amanda Schmidt motioned to adjourn meeting, Marty Connor seconded, all were in favor, Aye Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.