

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 19, 2016**

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., Monday, January 19, 2106, at 7:00 p.m.

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 December 1, 2015, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Barbara Rogers, chair of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Dave Marabello, Andy Johnson, Jim Gallagher, Paul Mullen, and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Paul Ginoux and Becky Mathers Lowery were absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Susan Goetz, Township Committee liaison to the EC
Jonathan Lin, Cranbury School Student Council liaison

REORGANIZATION – Susan Goetz is the Township Committee liaison for 2016. Barbara Rogers was appointed Chair for 2016.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Andy Johnson; seconded by Dave Marabello. Paul Mullen abstained. All others were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranbury Brook Preserve –Dr. Rogers purchased milkweed plants from Pineland Nurseries.

Sustainable Jersey –

School Programs –The first meeting of the Green Team has not occurred yet. Teacher Susan Lepardo is testing water.

Jonathan Lin reported that the Student Council met and volunteers will make fliers for Terracycle and post them around the school. Dr. Rogers offered township assistance for any project. Jonathan will look into placing a box in the township building.

Cranbury Arts Council – No discussion.

Environmental Resource Inventory –Mr. Johnson reported the intern Jonny Quispe has finished 30 maps. He will be paid the final installment of the grant. The final report is due in March.

Village Park Rain Garden – Mr. Marabello reported that Rutgers made edits to reflect the new plants. The edits are up on the website. The DPW put up a plastic fence around the garden for the winter. Mr. Marabello continues to develop a volunteer list, including scouts and the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed. The remaining \$400 has been put into a trust fund and does not expire.

Millstone Trail – Boy Scout Hunter Pormilli got his plan approved by the district Council. His plan has already been approved by the Township Committee. Discussion on trail name. Mr. Mullen asked if Ms. Goetz could find out if there is an official name for this area.

Redevelopment project – The site plan for the Hagerty/Cheney/Kushner property was approved and is in the process of getting permits. Breaking ground is slated for summer. The whole project will take two years, with hopes of townhouses in a year.

Mr. Gallagher noted that the letter prompted the Planning Board to get a Response Action Outcome and a Licensed Site Remediation Professional will be hired to oversee the remediation of the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Cedar Brook Crossing - The township Zoning Board is reviewing this application for a use variance for a Quik Check on the northeast corner at Cranbury South River Road and Dey Road. They would like to add a gas station. One third of the property is in a flood hazard. The site is right next to the Cedar Creek.

The EC will draft a letter with two concerns – the site location and the required variance of the ordinance of the Riparian Zone. Motion by Andy Johnson; seconded by Theresa Vaccaro. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Year End Report 2015/Goals 2016 – Mr. Marabello sent some edited information on the Rain Garden.

Budget monies – Gravel has been laid in the Reinhardt parking lot.

Township Winter Newsletter – The submission will include information on the milkweed planting in Cranbury Brook Preserve, Sustainable Jersey in Cranbury School and the ERI update.

Clean Communities – Linda Scott, Recycling department, has offered monies from this grant to help with any scheduled clean up. Jonathan will check to see if the 8th grade could clean up some parks and receive the grant money.

APPLICATIONS –See Cedar Brook Crossing.

PUBLIC COMMENT– None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Andy Johnson, seconded by Jim Gallagher, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. on a motion. All were in favor.

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 January 19, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary