

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
May 16, 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, May 16, 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 7:13 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, Becky Mathers Lowery (on phone) and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Andy Johnson and Dave Marabello emailed their absence. Paul Ginoux was absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Lin, Cranbury School liaison to the EC
Ed DiFiglia, Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Policy Director
Sally O'Grady, township Parks Commissioner
John and Miles Reinfelder, residents
Suzanne Palocz, resident

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting were tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranbury Brook Preserve – Working with local Girl Scouts who will install a butterfly garden near the interior kiosk and the grasslands, for their Silver Award. Dr. Rogers has asked Jerry Thorne to clear and add topsoil to an area near the kiosk. The garden has been marked out and should be constructed in the next two months.

Mrs. Palocz reported that downstream from the dam, at the Cranbury Brook, there are rocks blocking water when there is a dry spell and it has become a mosquito breeding ground. This is next to her property. Mr. Mullen will go to the spot to review. Also the Township Committee liaison to the EC, Susan Goetz, will be consulted.

Sustainable Jersey –

School Programs – Mrs. Vaccaro reported that action items are being worked on – the deadline is June 24. A box for Terracycle collection has been placed in the township building. Water quality and recycling are two focuses.

Sustainable Jersey recertification – Dr. Rogers is collecting action items and gathering points. October is the target date for submission.

Mr. DiFiglia suggested Cranbury consider a smoke-free parks ordinance similar to the one Hightstown is considering. He reported that there is a lot of movement state wide on it because of water pollution concerns. There are grants for signage, and Sustainable Jersey points are available. He will send more information to the EC and suggested that the Parks Commission and the Board of Health discuss.

Environmental Resource Inventory – Susan Goetz is discussing money with the township engineer for the open space map; Intern Johnny Quispe still sending missing data for maps.

Two library sessions have been scheduled in the fall for community outreach and to summarize the ERI and how to use it - October 20 and November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Year End Report 2015/Goals 2016 – Tabled until next meeting.

Meiss Award - A student has been selected by the teachers. Dave Marabello will present at the Awards Night on Monday, June 6.

Village Park Rain Garden – Dave requested assistance at the garden on the next two Saturdays.

“Pin Oaks” Loop Trail – Boy Scout Hunter Pormilli blazed the trail only clockwise, so he has been asked to blaze the other way. The sign needs to be constructed. Mrs. O’Grady noted that the trail is full of poison ivy. Dr. Rogers will contact Jerry Thorne to request that the trail needs to be mowed in the meadow area.

Cheney/Hagerty/Kushner project – No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Stream Clean Up Results – No results have been sent in yet from the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed.

Bench for Cranbury Brook Preserve – Miles Reinfelder presented a photo and a 3-D model of his proposed free standing bench, Leopold style. It would be chemical or pressure treated wood. He would like to construct two and place them in the Cranbury Brook Preserve. He also showed a couple possible locations – one at the far end of the Preserve on the trail by the soccer field in a cove next to the trail; another is near the broken dam.

Miles would like to start constructing in the next two weeks. Approval was given for two benches in the Preserve; motion by Paul Mullen; seconded by Theresa Vaccaro. All others were in favor. Request to Miles to send schedule, people involved, measurements and materials via email.

Reinhardt Forest Preserve – Mr. Mullen re-routed the trail to go around a large tree that fell. He moved several blazes and will re-do the GPS map.

APPLICATIONS – Cedar Brook Crossing – Mr. DiFiglia reported that the Zoning Officer agreed that the riparian zone buffer for the tributary of the Cedar Brook on the property needs to be put on the map and will be.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. O’Grady reported that a few members of the Parks Commission met with Ms. Marabello and Mr. Thorne about the tree cuttings behind a South Main Street home.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Paul Mullen, seconded by Theresa Vaccaro, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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 May 16, 2016.

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

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary