

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
June 27, 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., on Monday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. This was a CHANGE from the regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday of the month.

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 June 20, 2016, 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 7:08 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Lin, Cranbury School liaison to the EC
Connie Bauder, resident

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Dave Marabello; seconded by Theresa Vaccaro.

The minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting were tabled because of a lack of quorum to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranbury Brook Preserve – Two Girl Scouts received approval to go forward with a Silver Award project, which will include recycling signage and a butterfly garden. Jerry Thorne and the DPW prepared the land. This week, plants will be planted and watered. Many No Net Loss trees in the Preserve need replacement.

Sustainable Jersey –

School Programs – The school's Green Team submitted action items for a preliminary deadline for certification. Although not enough points were approved, Mrs. Vaccaro noted the feedback from Sustainable Jersey was valuable and she will meet

with teacher Susan Lepardo this summer on how to go forward in the coming school year. She noted that more involvement of the school staff will be important. Dr. Rogers noted that the EC student liaison would be integral next year also.

Jonathan reported the Cranbury School Terracycle collection ended on the last day of school. The effort was successful with lots of wrappers collected.

Sustainable Jersey recertification – Dr. Rogers is collecting action items and gathering information for points. October is the target date for final submission. Rain garden information and the ERI are submitted; still waiting for shade tree information; Mrs. Scott provided recycling information.

Dr. Rogers and Mrs. Vaccaro attended the annual Sustainability Summit on June 16. The keynote speaker is an expert in sea level rise. He presented sobering information on glacier melt, rising ocean temperatures and fragmenting icebergs. Dr. Rogers attended a workshop on stormwater regulations. Mrs. Vaccaro attended a workshop on zero waste.

Environmental Resource Inventory – Two dates have been set with the public library on the ERI – October 20 and November 17. Some information will be included about Sustainable Jersey for schools.

Year End Report 2015/Goals 2016 – Members will review a draft for final approval at the July meeting. Dr. Rogers would like to include some new specific goals.

Meiss Award recap – Eighth-grade student Katie McDonnell was selected by the teachers. Dave Marabello presented at the Awards Night on Monday, June 6. Dr. Rogers thanked Mr. Marabello for presenting.

Village Park Rain Garden –Part of the garden is suffering from the drought, Dr. Rogers reported, but it should survive. The EC will keep an eye on the need for watering.

“Pin Oaks” Loop Trail –A sign was designed and constructed by Commissioner Paul Mullen and Scout Hunter Pormilli. The DPW mowed the trail. The poison ivy is still prevalent so a plan is being created to clear the entrance way.

Cheney/Hagerty/Kushner project – No discussion.

Bench for Cranbury Brook Preserve – Miles Reinfelder installed two wooden benches.

NEW BUSINESS

Emerald Ash Borer infestation – A rampant infestation is occurring in the Four Seasons development. A management plan is being created with girdling to create trap trees and hang traps. A pathologist confirmed there are no Emerald Ash Borer insects on the ash trees in the Brook Preserve.

Stream Clean Up Results – The Watershed sent the results – 40 trash bags; 358 total weight of garbage and recyclables collected. Notable litter items included cigarette

butts, lumber, plastic bottles and a tire. The most common litter item was plastic bags. The number of volunteers was 32.

Cranbury Day – The annual street fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. This year, sustainability information will be included. The Shade Tree Commission will be contacted for emerald ash borer information. The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association will be invited to present their River-Friendly program.

APPLICATIONS –

Dunkin Donuts application - No paperwork was reviewed. The restaurant is proposed for a piece of land on Route 130 that is a brownfield and needs remediation.

Cedar Brook Crossing – The memo from the EC will be resent to the Zoning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. Bauder suggested that the EC disseminate information about the invasive Autumn Olive. She also suggested contacting GASP about information on smoke free parks. She also shared some information on court cases about zoning ordinances in reference to the Cedar Brook application. The Zoning Board will hear this application again in July.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Becky Mathers Lowery, seconded by Theresa Vaccaro, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:42 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 June 27, 2016.

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

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary