

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
July 18, 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, July 18, 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 7:10 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Lin, Cranbury School liaison to the EC
Janice McDonnell, resident

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2016 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Dave Marabello; seconded by Becky Mathers Lowery. All were in favor.

The minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Paul Mullen; seconded by Theresa Vaccaro. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranbury Brook Preserve – A small butterfly garden has been planted near the kiosk by the Cranbury Girl Scouts. The DPW prepped the site. The Girls Scouts will put information in the kiosk about grasslands and pollinators.

The No Net Loss trees in the Preserve need to be removed. Contact needs to be made with landscape architect Kevin Kester.

Sustainable Jersey –

School Programs – No discussion.

Sustainable Jersey recertification – Dr. Rogers submitted information for the June deadline. 85 points have been approved; 65 points are still needed to recertify.

Environmental Resource Inventory – Information about the ERI will be presented October 20 and November 17 at the public library. Andy received maps from Township Engineer Bill Tanner.

Year End Report 2015/Goals 2016 – These reports were edited at the meeting and Commissioners will send in revisions of sections. The final draft will be composed and sent to Commissioners for approval at the September meeting.

Village Park Rain Garden – The grass is not growing in the swale but weed are growing in the stone. More weeding is needed. Mulch is washing out and will need to be replaced along with stone. The plants are doing well.

“Pin Oaks” Loop Trail – Mr. Mullen placed a geocache on the trail and people have written feedback on the geocache website. The mowing schedule should be verified. Dr. Rogers reported there are many different birds in that area.

Cheney/Hagerty/Kushner project – No discussion.

Cranbury Day – The annual street fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. Commissioners will sign up to man the booth.

NEW BUSINESS - None

APPLICATIONS – Cedar Brook Crossing – The Zoning Board approved the application and the use variance was granted. The Commission had submitted a memo to the Zoning Board to recommend the use variance not be granted because a service station is a potential source of contamination and is not a use in the Master Plan for this area.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. McDonnell introduced herself to the Commission. She is a professor at Rutgers University and is interested in the open seat.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Paul Mullen, seconded by Theresa Vaccaro, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 9:04 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 July 18, 2016.

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

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary