

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
July 17, 2017**

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 19, 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 5, 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 7:05 p.m. and Debra A. Rubin acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, Becky Mathers Lowery, David Marabello, and Theresa Vaccaro, were present. Andy Johnson and Jim Gallagher wer excused. Paul Ginoux and Janice McDonnell were absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally O'Grady, Parks Commissioner

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by David Marabello; seconded by Theresa Vaccaro. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranbury Day – Public Works will be setting up the table for the Commission. Meadow mix of pollinator seeds in envelopes will be distributed, as well as, pollinator crafts for children to complete.

Conservation Easement Grant – Dr. Rogers to investigate whether points can be used towards Sustainable Jersey. This will be further discussed when preparing in the Fall.

Preserve Management –

- Reinhardt Forest Preserve - Tree was removed from trail by resident, Mr. O'Grady. Mr. Mullen added that he cleared the path, however, more blazes were needed to aid in marking direction.
- Village Park – Dr. Rogers reported that the rain garden is progressing very well. Discussion on swale and whether or not it should be dug out and stone added. This will be further discussed later on in the Fall with other maintenance items.
- Cranbury Brook Preserve – It was reported that the pollinator garden is progressing nicely. Reports of a fallen tree. Mrs. O'Grady (Parks Commission) offered that her husband could cut the tree, if necessary. Dr. Rogers added that she would like to purchase more meadow mix for use along the grassland in the preserve.

Sustainable Jersey School Programs – Cranbury School application was submitted by final deadline of June 29th.

Township Committee meeting report – No report, none were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

New Jersey Sustainability Summit Recap – Dr. Rogers, Mrs. Lowery and Mrs. Vaccaro all attended the summit. They reported on a “Coding Contest” to save money on heating and “Getting Businesses Involved” which is meant for small business. Mrs. Vaccaro will investigate if there are any businesses in town the commission would be able to assist in becoming involved. Also Mrs. Vaccaro will further look into the program “Complete Streets” and evaluate if the Township is able to participate.

Township newsletter – Dr. Rogers to confirm the deadline with the Deputy Clerk regarding the submission of articles for upcoming newsletter.

Thank you Note – Dr. Rogers read a thank you from Wendy Borg, former Recording Secretary, for the gift card from the members.

APPLICATIONS – None to report

PUBLIC COMMENT– Mrs. O'Grady, Parks Commission, reported what had been placed on the short list for maintenance projects for Jerry Thorne, Department of Public Works for the months of July and August. She also reported on the decisions regarding the upcoming purchase of signs for the entrances of predetermined parks within the Township. Dr. Rogers requested input from Environmental Commission regarding placement of sign for Cranbury Brook Preserve. Mrs. O'Grady also advised that historical signs were being purchased for Heritage and Village Parks.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Becky Mathers Lowery made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Marabello. By a unanimous vote of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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 17, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this ___ day of _____, 2017.

Debra A. Rubin, Secretary