

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
November 20, 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, November 20, 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, Jim Gallagher, Theresa Vaccaro, Janice McDonnell and David Marabello were present. Andy Johnson was absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ed DiFiglia – Stony Brook Regional Watershed Center
Sally O'Grady – Parks Commission Member
Prashun Patel
Priya Patel – 8th Grade Student Council President
Connie Bauder

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 16th, 2017 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Becky Mathers Lowery; seconded by Jim Gallagher. On a voice vote of all members present, all were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT–

Ed DiFiglia – Advised members of storm water conference being held on December 11th. He also advised members of the Floating Wetlands Pilot Program at Meadow Lakes in East Windsor. Discussion ensued on the potential use of the floating wetlands in Brainerd Lake. More information to follow once pilot program is complete.

Barbara Rogers advised the members that she had received the resignation of Dave Marabello from the Commission. The members thanked him for his hard work and many contributions during his appointment, especially on the Rain Garden.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management –

- Habitat Enhancement – The native meadow mix will be received by next spring for planting in 2018.
 - Heritage Park – Discussion regarding instructions to use geocache are located on the Township website.
 - Sally O’Grady discussed the use of “Breathe Easy” signs in Heritage and Village Park. The members agreed that the decision to place these signs in the parks is a Parks Commission issue but the Breathe Easy signs should not be placed in any of the Preserves.

- Trail Maintenance –
 - Reinhardt – Two new mud bridges will be added to the yellow trail by Bob Rogers.
 - Unami Woods – Sally O’Grady, Parks Commission Member, advised that the Commission would like to have the trail blazed. Paul Mullen to confirm the color needed for blazing. Sally offered her assistance to Paul in the blazing of the trail. Discussion on trees being cut and whether or not it had been done by the Township. Chairperson Rogers to contact Department of Public Works for more information.

Sustainable Jersey

- School Programs –The Wellness and Sustainability Council’s October meeting had been cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for November 27th. Chairperson Rogers asked Priya Patel to coordinate with Linda Scott if students are interested in the stream cleanup which is being held on April 21, 2018.

- Township Actions – Chairperson Rogers suggested members visit the Sustainable Jersey website to pick an action item to work on. Becky Lowery advised that the Senior Center has a Terracycle for beauty products. She will request information regarding whether all residents are able to use.

Township Committee meeting report– None.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Teen Programming – Janice McDonnell discussed the “Teen Café” program. Members suggested collaborating with the Municipal Alliance as they currently plan something similar. Janice McDonnell and Priya Patel will meet with the Municipal Alliance and a few students to discuss location and ideas to begin the conversation of the program.

Discussion on Minutes Procedure - Draft minutes will be sent to all members for their review prior to meeting. Any changes by the members are to be sent to the Chairperson for her determination and those changes will be sent to the Secretary for final draft. This procedure should help expedite the approval process at meetings.

Budget – Currently \$300.00 left in budget. The meadow mix will cost \$100.00 and Paul Mullen will investigate the cost of printing and laminating the large Cranbury Walking Trails map for ongoing use at the Environmental Commission’s booth on Cranbury Day.

APPLICATIONS – None to report.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Dave Marabello made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Mullen. By a unanimous vote of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 November 20, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 20th day of November, 2017.

Debra A. Rubin, Secretary