

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of Monday March 23, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Boynton II, Vice Chair, at 7:35 pm.

Announcement of Proper Notice

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertising in the New Jersey Herald and Express Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

Attendance

Present: Tammy Beckenthal, Dave Boynton, II, Alan DeCarolis, Wendy Goetz, Christopher Kuhn, Jim Simonetti, and Michael Tudor.

Absent: Dennis Lackovic, Robert Stock

Approval of Minutes:

● Christopher Kuhn made a motion to approve the Environmental meeting minutes of February 23, 2015 minutes, seconded by Dave Boynton, II – all in favor, aye. Tammy Beckenthal and Jim Simonetti abstained.

Old Business

●Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve Update- Ms. Buttgereit invited volunteers to attend upcoming hike on April 11, 2015. Attendees should meet at the township building at 11:30 am. Marty Connor provided an update on the Kids Camp area; five buildings will be kept, as well as, three wells.

●Website- Ms. Goetz is working on the website updates and indicated that she was away traveling the past month. Christopher Kuhn suggested the possibility of adding link for the public to obtain various environmental information and/or updates.

●Shredding and E Waste Day: Ms. Donna Zilberfarb is working on the date. Most likely it will be sometime in June.

●Sustainable New Jersey Update: The Hope Township Environmental Commission and Green Team are hosting a joint meeting for neighboring Township Committee and Environmental Commission Members. The meeting will be held on May 19, 2015 at the Hope Township Municipal Building at 7:30pm. Mayor Kuhn encouraged Commission member's participation.

●Historical Committee Update- Mayor Kuhn reported that the second reading regarding the ordinance pertaining to the formation of a new committee whose purpose is to work on obtaining grants for the preservation of historical properties, will take place on April 15, 2015 during the township meeting. The aforementioned committee will consist of: the mayor, one Township Committee member, and seven township residents.

New Business

- Limestone Ordinance: Alan Decarolis indicated that there are some questionable operations occurring at a residential property located at the corner of South and Green Hill streets. Limestone removal has significantly impacted the road quality, resulting in a lot of road damage. Unfortunately no one is aware of how many dumpsters have been filled and removed to date. Jim Simonetti inquired as to whether this is a tax issue since the person removing the limestone is selling it. Jim Simonetti will ask our tax assessor if it is indeed a tax issue. .

- Mayor Kuhn provided a brief review of the new zoning/building permit laws.

Public Comment

- Ms. Wendy Buttergrit indicated that she had recently spoken to a Warren County Mosquito Commission staff member regarding their usage of mosquito control insecticides and its effect on local amphibians. Ms. Buttergrit would like to look into the possibility of obtaining grants to finance bat houses and dragon fly population growth to control the mosquito population in an environmentally safe manner.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- Hope Township – Sustainable Jersey Joint Meeting, May 19, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by David Boynton, II, seconded by Alan DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary