

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of Monday May 18, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Alan DeCarolis, at 7:45 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: Alan DeCarolis, Christopher Kuhn, Wendy Goetz, Tammy Beckenthal and Jim Simonetti.

Absent: David Boynton, II, Dennis Lackovic, Robert Stock, and Michael Tudor

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Kuhn made a motion to approve the Environmental Commission meeting minutes of April 27, 2015 minutes, seconded by Tammy Beckenthal –all in favor, aye. Jim Simonetti abstained.

Old Business:

Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve Update- Ms. Buttgereit and Mr. Marty Connor, from the audience, reported that the work session held on May 2, 2015 went well. Additionally, there are two companies which submitted bids for the demolition work. The Township Committee should make a final decision on Wednesday night (next meeting).

Website: - Ms. Beckenthal stated there she does not have any new information to report.

Sustainable New Jersey Update: Mr. DeCarolis, Mayor Kuhn, Ms. Beckenthal and Ms. Goetz stated that they plan to attend The Hope Township Environmental Commission and Green Team joint meeting on May 19, 2015 at the Hope Township Municipal Building at 7:30pm. Mr. Simonetti indicated that he will try to attend if his schedule permits.

Shredding and E Waste Day: Ms. Buttgereit, on behalf of the Open Space Preservation and Farmland Preservation Commission members, asked for volunteers to assist in the upcoming E-Waste Day planned for June 7th. She asked if Pamela Brady received the start and end times for the activity yet. Mrs. Brady contacted Ms. Donna Zilberfarb to inquire about the correct timeframe. Ms. Zilberfarb replied that she could not confirm that the cleanup will occur on June 7, as she is waiting to hear from her contact representative with the final date and time information. She said as soon as she receives the information she will let everyone know. Mayor Kuhn and Mr. DeCarolis stated that they will assist in the cleanup.

2015 Open Space Stewardship Project: Mayor Kuhn stated that we were not selected this year, most likely due to the fact that we were paid in full for the 2014 FFP project.

Historical Committee Update: Mayor Kuhn reported he had sent Mrs. Brenda Kleber, Township Clerk, the names of the selected Committee members.

Limestone Ordinance: Mayor Kuhn stated that Township Committeeman, Christopher Stracco, Esq. is researching the plausibility of Township protection from future high density development via a carbonite rock ordinance. Mayor Kuhn will have more information at the next Commission meeting.

New Business

TTP Free Zones: Ms. Goetz suggested that the Township look into becoming a TTP free zone. Mr. Simonetti questioned whether it is an appropriate issue for the Environmental Commission to investigate since it is outside of the Commission's jurisdiction, and suggested Ms. Goetz address the Town Council. Mr. DeCarolis concurred.

Wildfire Alert Levels/Prevention: Ms. Goetz suggested that the Township post information regarding the current/daily threat level of wildfire potential and information regarding the prevention of wildfires for Township residents. Mr. DeCarolis indicated that the State is responsible for that. Ms. Goetz suggested that the township put a link to the State's webpage.

Round Up: Ms. Goetz stated her concern with the usage of Round Up (pesticide). Mayor Kuhn stated that there is little if any usage of Round-Up by the Township.

Bears and Roads: Ms. Goetz suggested that the Commission notify the public of areas with high bear populations and areas of movement. Mr. DeCarolis explained that the Township cannot put up signage regarding the population and/or the movement of bears. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is responsible for providing the public with this information.

Public Comment

A motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Ms. Goetz to open the meeting to the public. No public comment.

Executive Session

No action was taken.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary