

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of September 28, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Christopher Kuhn at 7:30 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: David Boynton, II (arrived at 7:32), Christopher Kuhn, Alan DeCarolis, Robert Stock, Tammy Beckenthal, and Michael Tudor.

Absent: Dennis Lackovic, Wendie Goetz, and Jim Simonetti.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2015, seconded by Mr. Tudor—all in favor, aye. Mr. Stock and Mr. Boynton abstained.

Old Business:

FFP Update: Mr. Marty Connor reported that sealing of the wells should be finished by the end of October and that the greenhouse was recently damaged by bears. Ms. Buttgereit announced that November 14th is the next scheduled trail clearing event. Ms. Beckenthal asked if there was a target date set for the official opening to the public. Ms. Buttgereit stated that the goal is to open sometime in the spring (2016). Mr. DeCarolis added that the official opening is a Town Council decision, as the property has to be inspected prior to the opening. Mayor Kuhn stated that the Open Space Commission should determine which projects are the priorities, as there are limited funds.

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

Hope Twp.-Sustainable Jersey Joint Meeting: Ms. Buttgereit provided the members with information she utilized in the past for guidance on implementation of the Sustainable NJ program. She stated that she would be happy to assist the “Green Team” once established and does not wish to serve as the chair, as she feels that a Commission member would be the appropriate selection for chair. Mr. Tudor stated that he would reach out to see if a representative from the program would come to discuss the program with the commission. Mr. Tudor stated that he is still interested in establishing a “Green Team” and that he would reach out to a representative of the program and see if they could come to a meeting (preferably before the close of the year), and provide additional information.

Historical Committee Update: Mayor Kuhn stated that a journalist with the *New Jersey Herald* is interested in writing articles about the history of Frelinghuysen and would most likely begin with Johnsonburg.

Limestone Ordinance: Mayor Kuhn explained that the Ordinance should be referred to as the “Carbonite Rock Protection Ordinance.”

New Business: None

Public Comment: Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comment, seconded by Ms. Beckenthal— all in favor, aye. No public comment. Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Tudor—all in favor, aye.

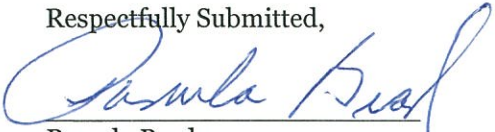
Executive Session: No action was taken.

Correspondence: Members reviewed the *New Jersey Fish and Wildlife* article (published in the *NJ Herald*) highlighting a program in Stillwater which helps to keep wildlife habitats safe via fishing line recycling. Mayor Kuhn expressed interest in implementing the program. All members agreed and Mayor Kuhn said he would provide instructions at the next meeting on October 26th.

Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Tudor, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary