

**Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission
Minutes of Meeting of March 28, 2016**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boynton at 7:43 pm.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

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, Christopher Kuhn, Alan DeCarolis, Wendie Goetz, and Michael Tudor.

Absent: Jim Simonetti, Dennis Lackovic, Tammy Beckenthal, and Robert Stock.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2016 seconded by Ms. Goetz—all in favor, aye. Mr. Kuhn abstained.

Old Business:

FFP Update: Ms. Buttgerit announced that there is a hike planned for April 16th at 9am (FFP North), with a rain date of April 23rd and encouraged all to attend. In addition, she stated that National Trails Day will take place on June 4th. Lastly, she happily announced that the Open Space Commission was awarded a grant for \$18,000 which will be utilized for additional property signage, parking area pavement, and trail clearing.

Website: As Ms. Beckenthal was not present, it was decided to table discussion for the next meeting.

Sustainable New Jersey: Mr. Kuhn reported that he voted “no” against the approval of the “old” resolution at the last Township Committee since it does not include language to establish a Green Team. He said that he would obtain a copy of the resolution from Ms. Zilberfarb, and that the Environmental Commission can work on the amendment of the resolution at the next meeting in April. The Township Committee would then review it and vote on its’ approval.

New Business:

NJ State Agencies Discussion: Ms. Goetz asked, "Which State agencies, within the past five years, have Frelinghuysen Township worked with?" Mr. Kuhn responded, "The main agencies are; NJ DEP, ANJEC, NJ DOT (grants), Sustainable NJ, and the Warren County Preservation Committee (grants). Ms. Goetz suggested a ‘refresher’ for the Environmental Commission members so members are aware of current issues. Ms. Goetz additionally expressed concern about the “Sparta Mountain issue.” A discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Mr. Kuhn made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comment, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis— all in favor, aye. Meeting opened to the public at 8:15pm. Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Tudor— all in favor, aye. Meeting closed for public comment at 8:17.

Arbor Day: Ms. Buttgerit explained that in celebration of Arbor Day she would like to provide all students at Frelinghuysen Township Elementary School with a seedling. She stated that it would cost \$25.00 for 100 seedlings and that she would like to purchase 200 seedlings, for \$50.00. In addition she said she would also like each student to participate in a poster contest with a theme of "Trees are Terrific," and suggested that the Environmental Commission members select one winner from each grade and possibly give them a small award. Mr. Kuhn expressed that the award should be educational, for instance, a \$10.00 gift card to Amazon would allow the student to buy a book. Mr. Kuhn made a motion to authorize the Environmental Commission to pay for the seedlings and gift cards, as long as the costs do not exceed \$120.00, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis—all in favor, aye.

Executive Session: Did not enter.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary