

Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission
Minutes of Meeting of November 28, 2016

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boynton at 8:20 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, Robert Stock, Alan DeCarolis, Wendie Goetz, and Chris Kuhn

Absent: Jim Simonetti, Tammy Beckenthal, and Michael Tudor

Approval of Minutes: Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 29, 2016 seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye. Mr. Kuhn abstained.

Old Business:

FFP Update: Mr. Connor stated that many citizens are utilizing the trails. In addition, he said that he has been receiving complaints from several people regarding horses defiling the trail. Mr. Kuhn suggested implementing a log book so that owners could be contacted. Mr. Kuhn stated that he met with the Assistant Commissioner of DEP and is happy to announce that the State will stock the pond.

Website: Tabled, due to Ms. Beckenthal's absence.

Green Team: Mr. Kuhn stated the Township Committee passed the resolution regarding the creation of a Green Team and that before the end of the year, the Environmental Committee should provide the Twp. Committee with names of interested individuals who want to serve on the team. Discussion ensued regarding prospective members. Ms. Goetz stated that she is interested and knows that Mr. Tudor is also interested. Mr. DeCarolis contacted Ms. Nancy Nicholoff (citizen), to see if she is interested in serving on the Green Team, as she has prior experience. Ms. Nicholoff stated that she would let Mr. DeCarolis know by Friday whether she is interested. Mr. Kuhn made a motion to approve the submission of the proposed Green Team members to the Township Committee if Ms. Nicholoff agrees to serve seconded by Mr. DeCarolis—all in favor, aye.

New Business:

2017 Budget: Mr. Kuhn made a motion to approve the 2017 budget of \$750.00 seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye.

Working with School Board Green Team/Sustainable NJ: Ms. Goetz stated that she met with the new administrator of Frelinghuysen Twp. Elementary School and that he is interested in promoting a school Green Team. However, the Township team and elementary team must be separate entities per Sustainable New Jersey mandates.

Glyphosate/GMO Debate for February Town Council Meeting: Ms. Goetz explained her concerns regarding the usage of GMO's. Mr. Kuhn suggested that she write a resolution regarding GMO's and that she present it to the Twp. Committee for review. In addition, he stated that she should first present her resolution to the Environmental Commission for review/debate.

Public Comment: Mr. Stock 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 8:51pm.

Mr. Stock made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Goetz– all in favor, aye.

Meeting closed for public comment at 8:52.

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 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary