

**Draft**  
**Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Brady at 7:37 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:** Robert Stock, Charlie Marra, Tammy Beckenthal, Michael Tudor, Wendie Goetz, and Wendy Buttgerreit.

**Absent:** David Boynton, II, Chris Kuhn and Jim Simonetti

**Reorganization:** Mr. Marra made a motion to nominate Mr. Stock as Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Beckenthal.

Ayes: Mr. Tudor, Ms. Buttgerreit, Mr. Marra, Mr. Stock, and Ms. Beckenthal

Nays: Ms. Goetz

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Goetz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 28, 2016 seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye. Mr. Tudor, Ms. Beckenthal, and Ms. Buttgerreit abstained.

**Old Business:**

A discussion regarding the overall purpose and duties of the Commission ensued. Mr. Marra stated that he would find out if having the Environmental Commission is a requirement of the state. Mr. Stock stated that we need guidance on the responsibilities and need our charter. He asked if that could be placed on the Township Committee agenda. Mayor Desiderio stated, that it could be and suggested that the Commission send a letter to the Township Committee.

Ms. Beckenthal made a motion to approve the Environmental Commission asking the Township Committee about the role of the Commission, seconded by Mr. Buttgerreit—all in favor, aye.

Ms. Brady stated that she would contact Ms. Zilberfarb to obtain a copy of the ordinance and would email it to members.

**FFP Update:** Mr. Connor stated since the Recreation Committee is in charge of FFP, the agenda should now state "Rec Center Update." Ms. Brady said she would change it for the next meeting. Mayor Desiderio provided an update on the Recreation Center. In addition, he stated that the establishment of a 150 x 200 parking lot was approved and looks forward to the work beginning soon.

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

**Green Team:** Ms. Beckenthal made a motion to approve the establishment of a Green Team, a sub-committee of the Environmental Commission, with Michael Tudor as the chairman, seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye.

Mr. Stock asked for any additional volunteers to serve on the Green Team. Ms. Buttgerreit, Ms. Beckenthal and Ms. Goetz stated that they would be happy to volunteer.

Mr. Tudor stated that he would find the charter for the Green Team and the Environmental Commission's mission statement for the next meeting. Ms. Brady reminded members that the mission statement is on the website.

It was decided that the Green Team will meet separately, prior to each Environmental Commission meeting and provide a brief executive synopsis at the Environmental Commission meeting.

**New Business:**

**Round Up:** Ms. Goetz stated that a California judge has approved the State of CA to label Round Up as a cancer causing agent. In addition, she said that the Commission should provide an awareness campaign to interested township citizens. In addition, she expressed her concerns about gas lines, and oil wells located in the township. Mr. Stock made a motion to approve the establishment of a sub-committee of the Environmental Commission, to locate where public utilities are in the township with Wendy Goetz as the chairwoman, seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye. Ms. Goetz asked for volunteers to serve on the sub-committee. Mr. Boynton stated that he would be happy to do so.

Mayor Desiderio stated that he has received complaints regarding dog feces on the trails at the Recreation Center despite the fact that there is signage requesting for the removal by owners. Ms. Beckenthal asked if bags were going to be provided in the future. Mr. Connor stated they will be located at the kiosk when it is completed. Ms. Beckenthal stated that once that happens it is really no longer an Environmental Commission issue as the Commission has no ability to enforce the removal of dog feces.

Ms. Beckenthal stated that she would like the Commission to provide more education to the public. Mayor Desiderio suggested asking the Recreation Committee if the Env. Comm. can provide handouts at Founder's Day on June 3, 2017.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Executive Session:** Did not enter.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Buttgereit, seconded by Ms. Beckenthal to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Pamela Brady  
Environmental Commission Secretary