

Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission
Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2017

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boynton at 7:30 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, Charlie Marra (7:34), Tammy Beckenthal, Michael Tudor, Wendy Buttgerreit and Christopher Kuhn.

Absent: Wendie Goetz and Jim Simonetti

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Beckenthal made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2017 seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye. Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Boynton abstained.

Old Business:

Rec. Center Update: Mr. Marra stated that there is a problem with the inordinate amount of mosquitoes at the property and that the Township Committee plans to send a letter to the Warren County Mosquito Commission. Mr. Stock made a motion to authorize the secretary of the Environmental Commission, Pamela Brady, to contact the Warren County Mosquito Commission regarding the Rec. Center and the ball fields behind town hall, as well as, obtaining mosquito information for the website. Mr. Kuhn—all in favor, aye.

Mr. Marra stated that the Rec. Center is now available for rent. Dr. Tudor asked about the rental fees. Mr. Marra said that he doesn't have the exact dollar amount, but knows that it is minimal and additional information will be posted on the Booster Club website soon. Mr. Connor asked how the Booster Club is involved? Mr. Marra stated that the Booster Club will post Rec. Center information and all required paperwork for athletics.

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

Green Team: Dr. Tudor stated that the Green Team discussed their relationship with the Environmental Commission. They also discussed inviting Green Teams members from neighboring townships. Mr. Kuhn stated that he would reach out to Mayor McDonough (Hope Township).

New Business:

Review: Environmental Commission Ordinance: Mr. Marra asked if the ordinance was new. Mr. Kuhn stated that it is not new; the purpose of the review is to help us understand what the duties of the Commission are. Members read and discussed the ordinance.

Mr. Stock made a motion to approve Commission members to put together a list of educational topics they are interested in and to submit the list to Ms. Brady. meeting minutes of April 24, 2017 seconded by Mr. Kuhn—all in favor, aye.

Ms. Beckenthal asked, "Who has the authority to take down large trees at the Recreation Center?" Mr. Kuhn responded, "The Township Committee because they are located on Township property." Ms. Beckenthal stated, "The Environmental Commission should be made aware of any planned changes of township property that may impact the environment." Ms. Beckenthal made a motion to approve the Commission making inquiries regarding any change's done on Township property, that impact the environment seconded by Ms. Buttgerreit—all in favor, aye. Mr. Kuhn abstained.

Executive Session: Did not enter.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Stock, seconded by Ms. Beckenthal to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary