

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of March 23, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Donna Zilberfarb, Secretary, at 7:35 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: Alan DeCarolis, Maureen Cullen, Chris Jaronsky, and Cliff Kimball

Absent: Rich Dericks and Jim Simonetti

Zoning Board: No one present

Resident Green Team Member: No one present

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the February 23, 2011 minutes, seconded by Cliff Kimball – all in favor, aye.

Public Comment

- Mayor Charles let the board know that Chris Khun will be joining the commission but Doreen Rutherford will not at this time.
- He inquired into Sustainable NJ and creating a Green Team that is not necessarily run thru the environmental group but with members representing each board in the township. He would like to know who would be for Environmental.
- Debra Natyzak inquired about the ANJEC grant and how we are going to complete it. She said when it was done in 1987 it was all volunteers doing the work. Donna Zilberfarb explained the grant would be a matching grant and that we are asking for \$7,000 for work on both the ERI and the OS & REC plan.
- Ms. Natyzak also inquired about Sustainable NJ and the board explained the complexity of the program to her.

Old Business

Sustainable New Jersey

- Maureen Cullen spoke of the joint environmental meeting with surrounding towns (Blairstown, Stillwater, Hope, Hardwick, Frelinghuysen and Knowlton) and how some of those townships are not participating in sustainable Jersey. Blairstown had done a lot of work last year and thought they had enough points to become certified but didn't and now may not continue to become certified.
- The joint meeting was very helpful. They will meet at least one time a year with the surrounding townships and possibly every 6 months.
- Chris Trainor, the Watershed Ambassador, was at the meeting and Ms. Cullen will get him to bring the EnvironScape to Founders Day in June.
- The Commission appointed Chris Jaronsky as the Environmental liason to the new Green Team.
- Donna Zilberfarb will get in touch with Nancy Nicholoff and discuss what else will be needed for the green team.

Budget

- \$5,900.00 was submitted to the Township Committee for 2011. We are waiting to hear back from the Committee.

New Business

- Ms. Cullen will reach out to Rich Dericks regarding the meetings. The meeting dates changed to Wednesday, he may not have known they weren't on Monday.
- Mr. DeCarolis showed what Hope Township handed out to its residents - The Hope Project Porchlight - a lightbulb given out with a description and detailed information sheet for incandescent lightbulbs. This may be something our commission could do at Founders Day. Will look into further.
- Mr. Decarolis mentioned how we do not get any correspondence from the Planning Board or Zoning Board.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Board asking for correspondence from them to be sent to the Environmental Commission, seconded by Chris Jaronsky. All in favor - aye.

Ms. Zilberfarb will send a letter to those Chairs.

- Ms. Cullen handed all members a copy of a mission statement for the commission to review for next month.

Planning Board Report (A. DeCarolis)

- No subdivisions
- Solar ordinance, wind ordinance and outdoor boilers have been sent to the Township Committee.

Open Space Report (M. Cullen)

- Joint meeting with Farmland Preservation
- Lee/Yang property contract has been signed. Debris will be removed and after all the grants the Township will pay approximately \$4,580 for this parcel.
- TLC is working to apply to ANJEC for a grant to update the open space and rec plan and the ERI guide.
- Discussions took place on why they choose the land to preserve that they do. Why aren't they looking at larger parcels instead of the smaller ones.

Zoning Board Report (D. Zilberfarb per D. Soisson)

- Nothing to be discussed

Correspondence

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Cliff Kimball to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary