

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of April 25, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chris Jaronsky, Vice Chair, at 7:30 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, Jim Simonetti, Cliff Kimball and C. Kuhn

Zoning Board: Nick Soranno - excused from meeting

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the March 23, 2011 minutes, seconded by Cliff Kimball – all in favor, aye. Jim Simonetti and Chris Kuhn abstained.

Public Comment

- Chris Trainor, Watershed Ambassador for our area, handed all members information on what the NJ Watershed Ambassador Program is about. He explained different things that can be done in our area with him as our guide. Some things that can be done are testing the Paulinskil and Storm Water Management. Maureen Cullen has set up with Mr. Trainor to have the Enviro-Scape at Founders Day this year.

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey

- Nancy Nicholoff will now Chair the Green Team being separate from the Environmental Commission. There will be representatives from the different boards. Jim Simonetti will represent the Planning Board and Chris Jaronsky will represent the Environmental Group. Donna Zilberfarb will also be joining the team as a resident.
- Alan DeCarolis asked that Chris Jaronsky give an update each month.

Joint Meeting

- Mr. DeCarolis would like Ms. Cullen to reach out to the Blairstown representatives and see if the next meeting could be held in Frelinghuysen and in other towns in the future. Ms. Cullen will touch base with them.

Environmental Resource Inventory Guide

- A grant application was completed to ANJEC in March for The Land Conservancy to update the ERI. As of today, Mayor Charles is working on this and will get back to us as to whom will be completing our ERI update (either TLC or Darlene Jay at Maser).

Budget

- \$5,900.00 was granted toward our ERI update. \$750 was also granted towards expenses. Ms. Zilberfarb will get information to all the new members regarding classes that are available for them to participate in.

New Business

- New member Chris Kuhn was present at meeting.
- Rich Dericks has resigned from the board but his resignation has not been accepted from the Township Committee and will not be until the May meeting. Ms. Zilberfarb will send a note to Mr. Schaffer requesting a member from the Farmland Board for the environmental liason.

- Ms. Cullen asked about the Mission Statement and has some more ideas for the webpage. Ms. Zilberfarb mentioned an email from resident, R. Oskada, inquiring about our webpage and why there is nothing for Environmental. Members have been asked to bring ideas, photos, information to be put on our webpage, as well as, think about the mission statement. All were asked to bring to next month's meeting.

Planning Board Report (J. Simonetti)

- J. Simonetti appointed liaison for Green Team - Sustainable NJ
- Charter School will be adding 2 new trailers.

Open Space Report (M. Cullen)

- Field trip April 30th at 1:30 to Mud Pond
- Robin Randolph and Nancy Nicholoff will be walking a property on Kerrs Corner Road that is approx. 15-16 acres.

Zoning Board Report (D. Zilberfarb per N. Soranno)

- Kids Camp revised restated resolution was adopted

Correspondence

- All correspondence was reviewed.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Chris Jaronsky to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary