

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of June 20, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Donna Zilberfarb, Chair, at 7:28 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, Cliff Kimball, Chris Kuhn, Jim Simonetti and Dave Cross

Absent: Chris Jaronsky and Maureen Cullen

Zoning Board: Excused from meeting

Minutes

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

Public Comment

Old Business

Website

- Ms. Zilberfarb gave all members a copy of the website page that Ms. Cullen has been working on. All members discussed and made comments, additions and deletions. Ms. Zilberfarb will send all comments to Ms. Cullen. At the next meeting the commission will approve and move forward to putting on the web page.

Sustainable Jersey

- There was a meeting held on June 8 or 9 with Nancy Nicholoff and Wendy Buttgerreit, Donna Zilberfarb was not present. Ms. Zilberfarb will speak with Ms. Nicholoff to get all representatives from the different boards invited to these meetings. Mr. Simonetti agreed to be at meetings or at the least notified as he reports back to the Planning Board monthly.

Founders Day

- Founders Day was held on June 4th and Chris Trainor - the Watershed Ambassador - did an enviroscape demonstration to all residents in attendance. Mr. Trainor did a very good job and had the kids very interested.

ANJEC Classes for members

- Information was handed to all members at the last meeting regarding different classes offered through ANJEC. Mr. DeCarolis questioned whether or not it was mandatory to take these classes. Ms. Zilberfarb will look into this and report back next month.

Joint Meeting

- There will be a joint meeting with Blairstown regarding the Paulinskil River with surrounding towns on June 28th at 7:30 pm at the Blairstown Municipal building. All members of our commission are invited to attend. Mr. DeCarolis, Ms. Cullen and Mr. Kimball will be in attendance.

Environmental Resource Inventory Guide

- The Environmental Commission and Open Space Committee has received the ANJEC Sustainable/Smart Growth Grant to complete the ERI and the OS/Rec Plan. The Township Committee has decided that the ERI will be completed by both The Land Conservancy, Barbara Heskins -Davis, and Maser Consulting, Darlene Jay. Maser Consulting will be completing this via the Mod 4 grant awarded previously and TLC will complete the ERI utilizing the matching ANJEC grant.

New Business

- Mr. Kimball inquired as to what the boards responsibilities are - other than the ERI - Mr. DeCarolis mentioned a homeowner that was brought to his attention for doing some type of soil or tree movement. This is something that we as a board should be aware of.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, to send a letter to Warren County Soils regarding an anonymous conversation regarding clear cutting on Block 701 Lot 3.02, seconded by Jim Simonetti, all in favor - aye. Ms. Zilberfarb will draft a letter and send to Ms. Cullen for approval prior to sending to Warren County Soils.

- Planning Board - quiet
- Open Space - Ms. Cullen Absent
- Farmland - No representative
- Zoning Board - No meetingt

Correspondence

- All correspondence was reviewed.
- The Land Conservancy - ERI copy of contracts

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Chris Kuhn to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary