



Eatontown Environmental Commission
Borough Hall, 47 Broad Street
June 18, 2020, at 7:00 PM
MINUTES

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM*.

2) SUNSHINE STMT: This meeting is being held via ZOOM in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The Zoom link was posted on the Borough web site: www.eatontownnj.com. * *We had a problem with connecting due to conflict with the Shade Tree Commission, making the link that was posted to the Borough web site invalid.*

3) ROLL CALL

MEMBER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bagwell, Laura	X	X	C	N	X	X						
Batinsey, John	E	E	A	O	E	E						
Dlugosz, Ed	X	X	N		X	X						
Fratini, Steve	X	X	C	Q	X	X						
Kretsch, Ken	X	7: 47- 8:10	E	U	X							
Regan, Mark (Council)	X	X	L	O	X	X						
Woloshin, Mark (PB)		X	E	R								
Greene, Roger (Assoc)			D	U								
Jacobs, Matt (Assoc.)				M								

Guests: NONE

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: May 21, 2020. Steve moved to approve the minutes. Mark R. seconded. Unanimously approved.

5) OPEN ITEMS:

Issue	Discussion	Action
OPEN SPACE	Update on ANJEC Pollinator grant: Steve reported that we did not get the grant, however, we plan to move ahead by obtaining donated plants Laura offered to gather plants to donate. Plot needs to be marked out. Laura B requested to see the plot to draw up a plan. Maria said the bee hive will be installed next year. Hive might be by pollinator garden. Laura mentioned that hive should not be on top of pollinator garden as the hive entrance may not be fun to have people in front of. Siting should be coordinated.	
COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Steve reported the Complete Streets Advisory Committee applied for a planning activity DOT grant for bicycle and improvements to pedestrian paths. Sent out a week ago. 4 quadrants / Grant / Wall Lewis / parks.	

INVASIVE SPECIES IN PARKS	Invasive Species Strike Force: Laura reached out to Bob Wolf and he confirmed there is none in Eatontown. She will reach out to the County to see if there are experts out there who may be interested in having a training session about invasive species & do some work removing invasive vines, etc. in the Arboretum.	
OUTFLOW PIPE INVENTORY	Ed reported that he wants to restart the inventory of outfall pipes that run along the creeks. We did that 20 years ago. One for Ft Monmouth and one for Whale Pond Brook. Ed mentioned obtaining a purchase order for equipment in order to accomplish this.	
SOLID WASTE	Plastic bag ordinance. Laura had emailed it again to everyone for their comments. No new comments from anyone.	Laura to follow up with next steps.
FMERA	Ed reported No FMERA meeting.	
RECYCLING / REDUCING POLLUTION	In following up from last meeting, Laura reviewed with the EC an outline for a possible presentation to address Reducing / Refusing / Recycling / DPW plastic toys collection / Recycle Coach / Composting / Reducing single use plastic items. Ed liked the idea. We can learn to do a presentation and share the screen. No further comments.	Laura will work on presentation outline.
PARKS	Laura asked if we can obtain a map of 80 Acres Park disc golf course? Mark R. said he can obtain a map. He will get it form the engineer . Steve reported seeing a couple of things being cleared between the parking lot and baseball field. No trees appeared to have been removed. Ed reported there are two issues - one is the disc golf and the other is a new inclusive playground.	Mark R. to forward map to EC.
RECYCLING CONTRACT	Laura asked about the status with our recycling contract as it expires in October 2020 and single stream has not been that successful. Stay with single stream or revert to Separating items into containers to maintain the purity of the recycled product? Ed concurs that separation is best.	Laura will contact Keith.
TRAININGS / for Annual Report	Laura reported attending some trainings in the last month: 5/26 Monmouth County Hub meeting & presentation on "Food Waste"; 6/3 ANJEC presentation on "Stormwater Green Infrastructure"; 6/6 Rutgers presentation on "Getting to know your watershed" using online tools; 6/11 ANJEC webinar on "Functioning ECs in the time of COVID"; 6/15 Rutgers webinar on "Backyard Composting".	
LAND USE		TABLED
BUS. CARDS		Mark R. to pursue.
ANNUAL RPT		Ed to do

SOCIAL MEDIA		Ken to report
WEB SITE		

6) NEW BUSINESS / SITE PLAN REVIEW: NONE. No word when Planning Board is going to commence.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS / GUESTS: NONE

8) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

9) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00PM via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bagwell
Eatontown Environmental Commission