



Eatontown Environmental Commission
Borough Hall
47 Broad Street
Eatontown, NJ 07724
<http://eatontownnj.com/environmental/>

2019 - July 18, Minutes

Members	Committee/Responsibility	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Edward Dlugosz	Chair; Water, FMERA							X					
John Batinsey	Lighting							E					
Ken Kretsch	Planned Land Use												
Sara Breslow	Open Space, Secretary							X					
Steve Fratini	Complete Streets							X					
Roger Greene	Solid Waste												
Matt Jacobs													
Jasmine Story	Council Liaison/Planning Bd							X					
Laura Bagwell	Resident							R					
Jean Crilly	Resident							R					

1. Meeting started at 7 p.m.
2. Roll call - John Batinsey excused for illness. Laura Bagwell and Jean Crilly attended.
3. Minutes. Steve MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH CHANGES. 2nd Jasmine. Motion carried.
4. LAND USE. Three site plans to review:
 - BMW
 - 284 Old Deal Rd
 - Artists Colony on Fort Monmouth.
 Hearing for all three is August 19. More time is needed to review, so we will hold August's meeting on August 1, at 7 p.m. Jasmine notified Borough Clerk. She will also request the form that goes to developers will ask for two additional full-size site plans for EEC.
5. Jasmine reviewed 80 Acres Park Council hearing on August 14 at Memorial School. EEC members will present:
 - Steve – land use map showing loss of forest due to urbanization
 - Matt – land usage statistics
 - Ed – update same presentation as last hearing.
 - Jasmine will contact Amanda Brockwell from MC Conservation Asso.
 - Jasmine will ask Jessica Patterson from Green Acres about the costs to rezone, restrictions to making changes, and protocol for downed trees.



6. Discussed sale of Fort property for DPW. Council extended period for due diligence to November. Ed has pertinent information. If EEC finds any concerns, Ed will present to Council. We can save Borough money by providing T&M with some reports such as Natural Resources Inventory.
7. Concern raised about three current DPW properties, one on Pinebrook and two on Lewis St., as to:
 - Employees working in current contaminated conditions
 - What to do with land if vacated since contaminated
 - Runoff goes into Wampum Brook and eventually into Wampum Lake.
 - Jasmine will look into cost to remediate.
 - EEC will aim for Sept. 11 Council meeting to report
 - If we have a list of concerns for T&M to look at, give to Jasmine to forward.
8. OPEN SPACE. Steve presented his Open Space Proposal (attached). Goals cited:
 - Increase resident proximity to parks
 - Shield residents from intrusive development
 - Enhance property values
 - Steve cited statistic that 58% of Eatontown residents live within 10 walking minutes of a park. <https://www.tpl.org/city/eatontown-new-jersey>
 - Next steps are to make a list of open spaces and look for grant money.
 - Monmouth County may have color map of Eatontown.
 - Matt Jacobs has build-out analysis.
 - Steve MOVED TO TAKE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT "LAST STAND FOR OPEN SPACE" PROPOSAL. Sara seconded. Approved 4-0.
9. PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE proposed by Laura Bagwell. She checked out other towns' ordinances and prepared a compilation. It proposes to ban plastic bags, styrofoam containers, and plastic straws. There are exemptions and conditions such as charging fees for paper bags. Stores collect the fees as per State law.
 - Laura will send to all members to review for next meeting.
 - Moving forward, Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce will be contacted as well as local businesses to gather information regarding potential hardships vs. savings.
10. Steve MOVED TO ADJOURN, Sara seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.