



Eatontown Environmental Commission
Borough Hall, 47 Broad Street
February 20, 2020, at 7:00 PM
MINUTES

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2) SUNSHINE STMT: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act

3) ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Sara Breslow

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Steve moved to approve the minutes. Ed seconded. Unanimously approved.

5) OPEN ITEMS:

Issue	Discussion	Action
OPEN SPACE	Steve Fratini proposed an ANJEC grant to plant a pollinator garden. He is looking for EC approval to proceed with submitting the grant. The Community Garden has designated a spot on the Eastern wall to plant the pollinator garden. Confirmed the EC was established in 1974, which came from the EC ordinance. He emailed the proposal to the EC. Mark R. thinks trifolds with color can be expensive. Mark W. knows of some companies that can do tri-folds. Ed moved to approve, Laura seconded the proposal. Unanimously approved.	Steve to submit the grant application to ANJEC (Amount TBD. Mark R. to advise on cost of creating a tri-fold brochure. A letter of endorsement from Business Administrator is required in support of the grant application. Steve will draft the letter and Mark R. will arrange for our business administrator to sign the letter.
80 Acres / Disc Golf	The EC would like to preserve what open space and forested lands we currently have. Hartshorne is the only park that is in such a pristine state, and that the EC encourages the Borough to designate the forested area of 80 Acres as a preserved area. Mark R. said that he made his position clear that he wanted Husky Brook park to be explored as a possible site for a 9 hole disc golf course. Monmouth County has 6 disc golf courses in the state (Allaire State Park; Brielle Park; Freehold Twp. High School; Joe Palaia Park; Manalapan Recreation Center Course; and Wolf Hill Park).	All

	The EC proposed a statement to go to the Mayor and Council. While Mark R. is for preservation, he is not for legislating to protect it. The EC will look at the statement for 80 Acres. Laura will circulate the statement and the EC will vote on it. the resolution is at the end of the minutes.	
OPEN SPACE	<p>"The Eatontown Rec. director is working on extending the Wampum Lake Park trail West to Maxwell Rd. However, there is an issue with a mound on one of the properties, i.e., the owner does not want to remove the mound and it does block a potential trail. There are several other issues. For this reason, Steve has removed the item concerning extension of Wampum Lake Park trail from the near-term list but it does remain on the overall list of open space items to be considered."</p> <p>On Lewis Street, there is not an ADA accessible way due to the incline. Sara indicated that there is nesting that occurs and there and the trees have already been thinned. Steve removed this from consideration.</p> <p>Steve also wants to add to the Open Space list.</p>	
POLLINATOR GARDENS	<p>Steve wanted to discuss pollinator gardens. Proposed locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a triangular park between Clinton and Maple. Laura mentioned there are two gardens there that Al Baginsky and co. planted, so maybe we can expand. 2) 1.6 acre lot off of Fieldstone Ct. 3) West Grant and Grant 4) Capilupi tract 5) 80 Acres Park <p>Mark R. suggested this could be a good reason to have a presentation on bees and pollinator gardens.</p>	
ANNUAL RPT		Ed / TABLED
BUS. CARDS		Mark R./TABLED
SOCIAL MEDIA		Ken / TABLED
PLASTIC BAG ORD.	Laura asked if everyone had a chance to review the ordinance. Received comments from Steve, Sara and John. Will resend the ordinance so people can comment on it.	Laura will resend to allow more time for all to review.
FMERA report		Ed / TABLED
Lighting		Laura / TABLED
PFAS	Ed will send the EC information about it to review and discuss at next meeting	Ed
BORO WEBSITE		Ed/TABLED

6) NEW BUSINESS / SITE PLAN REVIEW: Applicant Andrew Nunes-Vais, Minor subdivision, Block 3312, Lots 25-35. Ed moved to approve, Laura seconded. Unanimously approved.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS / GUESTS:

8) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

9) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00PM at Borough Hall. Laura advised she will be absent from the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bagwell
Eatontown Environmental Commission

EATONTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROTECT 80 ACRE PARK

As building a disc golf course within the natural wooded area of 80 Acres would:

1. render the area no longer natural, and
2. diminish its use to the many people who use the wooded portion for quiet walks, birdwatching, biking, hiking, dog walking, etc., and as
3. 80 Acre Park is a unique resource in eastern Monmouth County as one of the few remaining natural areas east of Route 35 and is a pristine oak and hickory lowland primary forest that provides quiet passive recreation, and as
4. 80 Acre Park provides a specific habitat for many forms of wildlife that make up a diverse, interdependent ecosystem, and as
5. the forested portion of 80 Acre Park is one of only two remaining forests of significant size in Eatontown where hundreds of acres of forest have been lost, making this park a unique, valuable and endangered asset to our community , therefore ...

It is the recommendation of the Eatontown Environmental Commission that the forested portion of 80 Acre Park be protected from installation of a disc golf course or any activity that would impinge on the present use of that portion of the park.