



Eatontown Environmental Commission
Borough Hall, 47 Broad Street
July 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM
AGENDA

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

2) SUNSHINE STMT: This meeting is being held via ZOOM in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Zoom link was posted on the Borough web site: www.eatontownnj.com and the Borough's Facebook page.

3) ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC: Sara Breslow, Jeffrey King

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: June 18, 2020. Ed motion to approve the minutes, M. Regan seconded. Approved unanimously.

5) OPEN ITEMS:

Issue	Discussion	Action
POLLINATOR GARDEN	Steve reported that the plot in the community garden is on scheduled to be tilled. Ed reported it's been tilled! Next steps we will be to plant. Laura has been working on the layout / obtaining plants for the garden.	Steve, Laura will start planting the garden.
INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE FORCE	Laura reported that she reached out to a master gardener and there is a contact from Hopewell Valley who is an expert in invasive species. Laura had reached out to Bob Wolf, Chair of Shade Tree, who advised he did not know of an invasive species strike force in Eatontown. The EC is supportive of Laura pursuing a possible outside training (with social distancing) and work activity removing invasives, at the Arboretum. Target date is September.	Laura will follow up.

NATIVE PLANT ORDINANCE	Laura has done some investigation about a native plant ordinance. Asked about interest in pursuing a native plant ordinance. The EC expressed interest in pursuing. We don't seem to have one. Ed reported that the Shade Tree Commission put together a list of acceptable trees to be planted, and it would be a nice balance with a native plant ordinance.	Laura will follow up with draft ordinance.
GREEN TEAM	Mark R. reported that a woman from EDF will be speaking at the upcoming meeting about the work she is doing for Eatontown.	
COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE	(See Pollinator Garden)	
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE	Steve reported Eatontown received a \$275K grant for a greenway plan through Arboretum to Wolcott. Wampum to Wolcott Park. Has not started yet. A suggestion to fix would be the back entrance to the Arboretum, which is not ADA accessible. Throckmorton will have bike lanes and will be one way. Great!	
FMERA	<p>Ed reported there was a FMERA meeting on 9 July. Some of the discussion affecting Eatontown are captured below:</p> <p>Parcel "B" part of Eatontown that fronts Route 35 is awaiting further plans to be developed.</p> <p>Regarding Howard Commons, chlordane pesticide problem will require that 25K tons of soil will need to be cleaned up.</p> <p>Eatontown has inherited 5 landfills that are still awaiting capping after 15 years of promises. Among them, one called M2 near Rose Court and one called M8--which is on the border of Eatontown and Oceanport--are contaminated with Lead, TCE, Benzynes and other toxins.</p> <p>There's a sports complex area on the property, will be developed as a park according to the MC Parks System. It might serve as an alternative placement for disc golf.</p> <p>RWJBarnabas will be putting a hospital where the Hex was. It will be a billion dollar project according to FMERA. The Army has stated to FMERA that they plan to treat the "neutralization" lime pit by "natural attenuation" which is tantamount to not doing anything more, leaving</p>	Ed will send us the report written by FMERA that describes the contamination within the site.

	<p>nature to clean it up after 30-40 years. FMERA and RWJBarnabas want a much more aggressive, active solution with higher-powered oxidation. The Lime Pit has TCE, PCE, DCE, and other toxins in the groundwater. At their peak, contaminant levels within the groundwater were 7,440 times higher than the NJDEP Groundwater Quality Criteria¹ [1 ppb]. Ed had submitted ECP and other RAB data to Judith Enck, Administrator EPA Region 2 over 10 years ago to determine whether the levels cited exceeded those of criteria for Superfund designation in non-DOD circumstances; the unofficial reply was yes! Although the Lime Pit location is outside of Eatontown, it's still important for the health of the entire FM project.</p> <p>¹ Final ECP Report – Fort Monmouth – 29-Jan-07, page 5-39</p>	
RECYCLING / REDUCING POLLUTION	Laura reported that she reached out to DPW Director Keith Ferrugia about tipping fees / recycling issues / recycling coordinator / recycling contract.	Laura to follow up.
PARKS - 80 ACRES	Mark R. reported that he requested a map of the proposed disc golf plan at 80 Acres from the engineer. He is not clear who has a copy of it; could be the engineer or business administrator...He clarified that he saw a map of 80 acres, however, has not seen a map of the proposed disc golf course.	Mark R. to follow up.
STORMWATER ORDINANCE	<p>Laura asked about stormwater ordinance. Ed reported he spoke with Faith for an hour. It looks like our current ordinance is going nowhere. We need a better plan for stormwater management. It does not address anything on the Fort. Sara asked if T&M does it? They have ignored the fort and southern border.</p> <p>Ed wants to map the stormwater outfalls. Ed wants to purchase a GPS that is compatible with the GIS to map them out.</p>	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE	Mark R. and Hope are trying to start a new committee - the one formerly known as the Human Relations Committee - to help residents gain access to the food bank. Ed suggested getting apartment dwellers to have access to the Community Garden.	
SOCIAL MEDIA		Ken/ TABLED
ANNUAL REPORT		Ed/ Tabled
BUSINESS CARDS		Mark. R/ TABLED

6) NEW BUSINESS / SITE PLAN REVIEW: NONE

7) PUBLIC / GUEST COMMENTS: NONE

8) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

9) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00PM via ZOOM unless the Borough Hall reopens.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bagwell
Eatontown Environmental Commission

Attachments:

Addendum 1: Fort Monmouth Groundwater Quality Criteria

Addendum 2: Fort Monmouth list of Groundwater Monitoring well #CW1-MW29

Addendum 3: Fort Monmouth map of lime pit in relation to proposed RWJ Barnabas hospital site