



**Eatontown Environmental Commission**  
**Borough Hall, 47 Broad Street**  
**October 15, 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 via ZOOM in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The Zoom link was posted on the Borough web site: [www.eatontownnj.com](http://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	X	X	X		
Batinsey, John	E	E	A	O	E	E	E	E	E	E		
Dlugosz, Ed	X	X	N		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Fratini, Steve	X	X	C	Q	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kretsch, Ken	X	7: 47- 8:10	E	U	X			X	X	X		
Regan, Mark (Council)	X	X	L	O	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Woloshin, Mark (PB)		X	E	R								
Greene, Roger (Assoc)			D	U								
Jacobs, Matt (Assoc.)				M								

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Given that changes to the September 17th minutes were submitted right before the meeting's start, approval of minutes will be tabled until November's meeting so they can be updated and recirculated.

**5) OPEN ITEMS:**

Issue	Discussion	Action
<b>COMPLETE STREETS</b>	<p>Steve sent out the Complete Streets meeting minutes to the EC. They are going for a grant to continue with the Eatontown Greenway Plan, from Wampum to the Arboretum. November 4th is the grant deadline.</p> <p>This is separate from the \$275K grant, which is confined to Wampum. The funds will mostly be to construct a bridge across through the open lot and connectivity to Wolcott.</p>	
<b>POLLINATOR GARDEN</b>	Steve reported working on a pollinator garden document for a proposed contest for the "best" pollinator / rain garden in town. Steve asked Laura to work on the pollinator garden section. The guide will be around 6 pages, and is intended to provide guidance for those who will create a garden. Laura thought of doing a brochure of the pollinator garden section, so that people can download it and use	Steve and Laura to work on this project.

	<p>it for reference. Discussed software for brochure.</p> <p>The contest part is to create a pollinator or a rain garden. Categories would be townhomes; homes; schools; and businesses. The goal is an increase in pollinator gardens / rain gardens in town. It is all in the planning phase.</p>	
<b>CLEAN UP</b>	<p>Ed reported on the townwide clean up was held on October 10th. Ed cleaned up at the Arboretum. A lot of brush, trees near the Chestnut garden.</p> <p>Laura cleaned up the corner of Grant and 36, which was full of garbage and overgrown with vegetation, blocking the sidewalk.</p>	Laura to follow up about who can clear the vegetation to allow for safe sidewalk use.
<b>PLASTIC BAG BILL</b>	<p>Laura reported that the NJ legislature passed the Plastic Bag Reduction Act on September 24th, and urged the EC to call the Governor to urge him to sign the bill. He has 45 days to sign it from the date of passage. If signed, this will be the strongest law in the nation regarding the reduction of plastic bag use.</p>	Call the Governor to support the bill. 609-292-6000
<b>NATIVE PLANT ORDINANCE</b>	<p>Laura reported that she is waiting on Shade Tree's take on the ordinance. It has been a few months.</p>	
<b>STORMWATER ORDINANCE</b>	<p>Laura reported working with Faith Teitelbaum to obtain an editable version of the ordinance. Ed said that he can do it with Adobe.</p> <p><b>TIMELINE:</b> the ordinance has to be in effect by March 2021, so if the EC can discuss / recommend the ordinance to be adopted by the Council, with the help of Mark R., the Council can consider and adopt the ordinance in time for it to be submitted to the County for review, then submitted to the State for filing. The Council would need to pass the ordinance by January.</p> <p>If a town does not pass the ordinance, their MS4 permit will not be approved.</p>	Laura will send the ordinance to Ed to bring it from pdf into an editable format.
<b>FMERA</b>	<p>Ed reported the dry cleaning facility is causing toxic groundwater intrusion and is seeping under the gymnasium and possibly under the officers homes.</p> <p>The lime pit tank has been removed. The Army is dragging their feet in neutralizing the area. This property has been sold to RWJ Barnabas Health Center.</p>	
<b>INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE FORCE TRAINING</b>	<p>Laura reported that she spoke with the Mayor and he seemed amenable to the training in the Spring. The goal is to have it in mid May.</p>	Laura to follow up tomorrow in securing the community center.

<b>DISC GOLF at 80 ACRES</b>	Laura thanked Mark R for providing a copy of the disc golf plan. (See attached map). Mark R. reported no update for this project, and nothing has been constructed.	
<b>REVIEWING FORT MONMOUTH PLANS</b>	Regarding some questions Laura had about how environmental comments are reported on Ft. Monmouth properties, Ed reported that the ESAC committee, the committee that is in charge of reviewing Ft. Monmouth plans for environmental concerns, no longer gets to see plans in advance. They hear an expert talk about the project, and the ESAC members provide comments on the fly, without having the ability to review the plans.	
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	Laura asked about our keeping up with reviewing all plans? Ken said that he can more proactively check the message board, looking at the agendas of the Zoning and Planning Board. Ed reported he checks the website / portal often. They reported there have been no plans we have missed commenting on.	
<b>2021 MEETING SCHEDULE</b>	Laura requested kindly that the EC consider moving the meeting dates for 2021 so that the meetings do not have to be limited to one hour and we have time to review plans and have in depth discussions on topics, and 2) so that perhaps a Shade Tree committee member can be a liaison the EC. Ed suggested perhaps moving the Green Team meeting, which alleviates the time constraints.	

**6) SITE PLAN REVIEW: NONE**

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS / GUESTS: Mike Battaglia**

**8) ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

**9) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00PM via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bagwell  
Eatontown Environmental Commission

Attachment: Disc golf map proposed for 80 Acres Park