

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

MINUTES

January 9, 2023

6:30 PM

Municipal Bldg.

Call to Order

Chairperson Vassallo called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act

This meeting is compliant with the Open Public Meetings Act and other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey. The Commission is quasi-judicial, and this meeting shall be conducted in the manner of a judicial proceeding. Any questions or comments will be limited to issues relevant to what the Commission may consider legal in reaching a decision.

Roll Call

Present: Vassallo, Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Paone, Staff, Trotman

Absent: Rolnick

Also Present: Councilwoman Cooper, new Liaison to the Commission, Terri Bracchi Recording Secretary

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair/ Welcome New Members

Chairperson

Motion made by Trotman and seconded by Higginbotham to nominate Vassallo as Chairperson

Recorded Votes:

Ayes: Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman

Motion approved

Vice Chairperson

Motion made by Trotman and seconded by Higginbotham to nominate Jacob as Vice Chairman

Recorded Votes:

Ayes: Vassallo, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman

Motion approved

Old Business

Croft Farm – Vassallo

No report at this time.

Brochure – Staff

Reviewed with Commission.

Tree Grant: Response to The Garden Club of Marlton with questions, Vassallo.

Jacob refers to document link.

FBRP Tree Restoration Proposal – Vassallo

Refer to document list.

ANJEC Stormwater Survey - Vassallo

Will be put out to the public, approved by Kevin Rijs, Director of Community Development

Motion made by Higginbotham and seconded by Staff to have Zane put in Facebook and all social media.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Vassallo, Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman, Paone
Motion approved

Vassallo – There will be an Open Space and Recreation Plan meeting on January 18, 2023 with the Township Manager.

New Business

Subcommittees for 2023

Site Plan Review Committee – Rolnick, Trotman, Jacob, Staff, Vassallo

Jacob motion to approve, Staff seconded

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Vassallo, Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman, Paone
Motion approved

BRP Subcommittee Rolnick, Trotman

Jacob motion to approve, seconded Higginbotham

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Vassallo, Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman, Paone
Motion approved

Beagle Club Subcommittee McCann, Jacob

Staff motion to approve, seconded Higginbotham

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Vassallo, Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman, Paone
Motion approved

Tree Giveaway – Staff

About 500 trees will be given out in April

Beagle Club's Flora and Fauna Report

McCann will write up a report and submit to Commission.

Lieberman – will do a letter of request for electronic plans to be reviewed by the Commission, also include zoning.

Vassallo- Tree Ordinance reviewed by Commission.

Jacob motion to approve, seconded Higginbotham.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Staff, Trotman, Paone, Vassallo

Motion approved

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Jacob – Reviewed Princeton’s Environmental Commission Report.

Vassallo - will make a presentation to Council of an Environmental Commission report.

Commissions priorities for 2023:

- Tree Ordinance (completed)
- OSRP (in progress)
- Review and comment on Site Plans and FBRP projects (in progress)
- Student member of the EC (in progress)
- Maintenance Manual for GI and open spaces
- Final report for Croft Farm post 18-month pilot
- Attend Council meetings and speak on EC’s accomplishments as they occur
- Open the Croft Farm walking path to the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Higginbotham and seconded by Jacob to approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2022 and December 5, 2022 meetings.

Recorded Votes:

Ayes: Vassallo, Jacob, Higginbotham, Lieberman, Staff, Trotman, Paone, McCann
Motion approved.

Adjournment

Commission adjourned at 8:30.

Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary