

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

May 1, 2023

6:30 PM

Municipal Building

Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order by Terri Bracchi at 6:35 PM.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with Open Public Meetings Act

This is a regular meeting of the Evesham Township Environmental Commission.

This meeting is compliant with the Open Public Meeting Act and other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey.

This Commission is advisory, and this meeting shall be conducted in an orderly manner. Any questions or comments will be limited to issues relevant to what the Commission may consider in reaching a decision in its advisory role.

Roll Call

Present: Higginbotham, Liberman, McCann, Paone, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin

Also Present: Cooper, Councilwoman, Kevin Rijs Director of Community Development, Terri Bracchi Recording Secretary

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary called for nominations for Chairman
Higginbotham was nominated as Chairman

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Lieberman, McCann, Paone, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin
Motion approved

Higginbotham, Chairman called for nomination for Vice Chairman
Lieberman was nominated as Vice Chairman

Ayes, Higginbotham, McCann, Paone, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin
Motion approved

Old Business

2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)

Status: Jenizza Corbin, PP, ACIP (RVE) follow up from 4/20 Planning Board meeting – Public Hearing
Tentative date 6/15/2023.

Commission sub-committee – Trotman, Staff, DuCoin, will meet with the Planner.

Tree Giveaway 2023 – Staff

Not a good turnout due to the rain.

Grants

1. Garden Club of NJ Native Tree Grant award to Garden Club of Marlton
Joyce Goldsmith from the Marlton Garden Club has reached out to the Township and Environmental Commission to thank everyone with the assistance proved on their grant application to the Garden Club of NJ. They were awarded the Native Tree grant and have been coordinating with Rich Kerr, Superintendent of Sports Turf and Open Space. Project Location: London Park between Rt.73 and Maple Ave.

2. 2023 NJ American Water: Ashley T. (Millennium Strategies, Twp. grant writing consultant) coordinated with the Township and submitted the application 3/31/2023.
3. 2023 Rain Garden 2023 (Rutgers); Brush Hollow – Kenton Ave. (B29, L 2).Rutgers is working on the feasibility of the proposed raingarden project at this location.
4. 2023 Biodiversity Conservation Grant provided by National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) . Letter of Intent to apply for a grant as required was submitted 3/10/2023.
5. Pinelands Preservation Alliance: MUA has confirmed the N. Elmwood raingarden sign has been installed
6. DEP grants recently recommended for award – Councilwoman Cooper. DEP Grant Stewardship – Green Acres. \$71,000 – invasive species, 50% matching with Township for access improvements. State of NJ grant 1 million dollars for Beagle Club, Stewardship grants.

Maintenance Manual (Green Infrastructure & Open Space Basins - Paone.

LNG – Resolution scheduled for Council Meeting of May 10, 2023

Croft Farm report to Council submitted 3/12.

- a. Status of opening walking path
- b. Bird reports from Doug (bi-annually)

Mowing Plan status – no plan submitted yet.

Evesham Environmental Commission table at National Night Out – August1, 6 to 9

App# 1981-0556.052.

New Business

FBP23-01 Water Quality Monitoring proposal presented by FBRP.

Recognize efforts of former EC commissioners, Ila Vassallo, Mike Jacob and Janet Rolnick

Update Priorities

Update Site Plan Review Assignments.

A motion was made by Higginbotham to appoint McCann as liaison to the Environmental Commission and FR, approved by Commission.

Correspondence and Minutes & Memorialization of Decisions

Staff made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting, seconded Lieberman
Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Paone, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin

Motion approved.

Evesham Fire Department is looking into Electric Vehicle Charging Station.

Adjournment

Higginbotham made a motion for adjournment at 9:00 PM, seconded Lieberman
Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, McCann, Paone, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin

Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary