

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

June 5, 2023

6:30 PM

Municipal Bldg.

Call to Order

Chairman Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance

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, Lieberman, Paone, Trotman, DuCoin

Absent: McCann, Staff,

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

Old Business

1. Evesham Environmental Commission table at National Night Out, August 1, 6 pm to 9 pm.
2. Recycling Bags, County has small bags and books.
3. Sustainable Jersey grant raised pollinator beds next to the community garden. That comes due in the spring/summer.
4. Ellis property Superfund Site – 150 Sharp Road – update 5/15/2023
5. Resolution 166-2023 adopted by Council 5/10/2023 opposing the transportation of Liquefied National Gas (LNG) by truck and/or rail through New Jersey. Complete and transmitted by Clerk to the Governor on May 15, 2023.

New Business

1. Bee City USA affiliation, Xerces Society: Kelly Heard Presentation and Discussion.
<https://beecityusa.org/>.
Become an affiliate of USA, need a commitment. Maybe a partnership with the Garden Club. Need to make a recommendation to Council.

2. Overview of the land preservation process and role of government. Ronald Cucchiaro Planning Board Attorney. Austin Hard Associate. Spoke about the Plan dated April 6, 2023.
3. OSRP subcommittee advisory recommendations update. Met with Jenizzsa Corbin PP, AICP (RVE). Hilary Trotman and subcommittee picked the lots and blocks, for the updates
4. Green Team & Environmental Commission Liaison.
5. Update Priorities 2023. (Tabled to next meeting).
6. Update Site Plan Review Assignments 2023. (tabled)
7. Environmental Commission Logo parameters and preliminary design. Will discuss and design at July meeting.
8. Recycling Tours.
9. 2023 Tier A MS4 Municipal Stormwater Management Regulation Program. Tier A Deliverables Timeline Matrix. – Township schedule being developed with Township staff with assistance by municipal engineer. It is anticipated the DEP may release updated model ordinance in the near future. Status will continue to be monitored.

Correspondence and Minutes & Memorialization of Decisions

A motion was made by Lieberman and seconded by Higginbotham to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, Paone, Trotman DuCoin
Motion approved.

Public Comment

J. Volpe spoke about the Black Friends Preserve. Also there Rich Taylor

Adjournment

Lieberman motion to adjourn, seconded Paone at 9:15.

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, Paone, Trotman, DuCoin

Approved By Board

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary