

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

MINUTES

September 6, 2023

6:30 PM

Municipal Bldg.

Call to Order

Chairperson Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin

Absent: McCann, Paone

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

Old Business

1. Environmental Commission Logo parameters and preliminary design. Commission still working on the Logo
2. Environmental Commission Liaison to Municipal Green Team.
Kevin Rijs – explained the Green Team , members are appointed by Ordinance or resolution by Council. Trotman attends the meeting, Vassallo was Certified. Higginbotham will be the Liaison.
3. Bee City – Kelly Heard explained the project and what is necessary. Resolution 265-2023 designated Evesham Township Environmental Commission as a Bee City USA Affiliate adopted 8/9/2023. Formal action from a subcommittee is necessary.

Motion to form a subcommittee is made by Lieberman and second by DuCoin

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Lieberman, Staff, Trotman, DuCoin, Higginbotham

Motion approved.

Volunteer Subcommittee will be Lieberman, DuCoin, Higginbotham.

4. National Wildlife Federation: Dr. Aili Pogust is the Founder and explained the Marlton Lakes Nature Community.
Amy Gonzalez spoke about the benefits belonging to the Federation . There is a meeting first Tuesday of month at 7:00 at Marlton Lakes.
A letter from the Township Manager dated 8/10/2023 supporting the health of our natural environment and encourage the Marlton Lakes Nature to achieve their goals.
5. Friends of the Black Run Preserve (FBRP) Liaison.
Jonathan Gaynor was appointed a Liaison.

New Business

Harvest Fest, September 23rd. Staff will hand out packets and handouts.

Sustainable Jersey: Community Solar Resources. Kevin Rijs questioned Tracy Woods about what is next step of the solar guidelines?

Correspondence and Minutes & Memorialization of Decisions

A motion was made by Lieberman and seconded by DuCoin to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Lieberman, Staff, Higginbotham, DuCoin
Motion approved.

Public Comment

Stephen Elliott, spoke about the Brush Hollow Rain Garden, will show them how to maintain it

Vassallo – spoke about a walking path at Croft Farm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 and approved by the Commission.

Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary