

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 6, 2023

6:30 PM

Municipal Bldg.

Called 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 (6:45), DuCoin, Gonzalez

Absent: Paone

Also Present: Councilwoman Cooper, Katelin (Student Liaison), Kevin Rijs Director of Community Development, Terri Bracchi Recording Secretary

Old Business

Environmental Commission Logo – Commission reviewed the photos of the Logo and picked the second one, it was recommended for approval.

Bee City – Kelly Heard

There were 3 applicants interested in applying. Kelly would like 7 or 8 more to apply. She would like to invite a student, there will be a separate form for them to apply.

MUA Irrigation Lines Revegetation Project (FBP22-01), #1981-0556.052, Pinelands Commission Letter 9/19/2023 was submitted to the Commission by Jonathan G. FBRP.

New Business

2023-2024 Evesham Township Community Energy Plan (CEP) M23-5.

Township Planner, Heyer, Gruel & Associates.

Megan Stanley, Planner – Energy Master Plan Spread Sheet reviewed the strategies for the Commission. There will be a community meeting on Wednesday..

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Kevin Rijs – new plan was adopted by Council – not for the Master Plan, but is used for Capital Projects and Grants.

Public Works looking into electric garbage trucks.

2023 National Fish and Wildlife’s Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund for the Pinelands Is for Everyone Initiative. Trail Improvement Grant. Project Location: Black Run Preserve (M23-6); Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA). Sean Kane Holland and Jason Howell.

“The Process for considering an Intergovernmental Agreement.”

Jason Howard, Sean Kane showed a Video of the improvement to the Black Run Preserves, Kettlerun Road ½ mile and 700 miles of parks.

Kevin Rijs – a Stewardship grant from DEP was received. \$70,000 for the bridge, to make accessible for those with disabilities.

Carlton Montgomery – Regulatory. Began 2 years ago to make Pinelands accessible using Crushed gravel. This is a multi-state process.

MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with Pinelands and Pemberton Lake Trails.

FBRP: 2024 Maple Tapping Event (FBP23-04: January 20, 2024 (January 21 is the rain date.

Completion Date: Remove the taps February to March 2024. Stockton School Event.

Staff made a motion to approve the Maple Tapping Event on January 20,2024, seconded DuCoin.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, Staff, DuCoin, Gonzalez.

FBP23-05 Basin Restoration Work 2024. Non-native plant removal and replacement with native plants. Spring 2024.

This spring 500 plugs were planted. Another 500 plugs will be planted in spring 2024.

Amy Gonzalez – The National Wildlife Foundation certification is coming along.

Correspondence and Minutes and Memorialization of Decisions

The Fire Service will do a control burn at Black Run Preserve.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Lieberman and seconded by DuCoin to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 minutes.

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

Public Comment

Sandra Doyle – where can public get information about what is going on in the Township?

Stephen Elliot – Did a project at the BRP. Informed the Commission that Steven Snyder is the new Ambassador.

Adjournment

Approved by Board at 8:40 PM,

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Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary