

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 5, 2024

6:35 PM

Municipal Building

Call to Order

Chairman Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act

This is a regular meeting of the Evesham Township Environmental Commission. This meeting is compliant with 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, Gonzalez, Elliott

Absent: Paone, DuCoin

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

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey Grant Applications/s PSE&G 2024 Small & Large . Applications due by Noon February 9, 2024. Steve Elliott.

Spoke about tree plantings 50 large size and rain garden. Spoke about the Black Run plantings workshops \$20,000 for grant \$15,000 PPW, PPA. \$2,000 trees replanted in Black Run Preserves.

MUA Irrigation Lines Revegetation Project FBP(22-01), #1981-0556,052; Pinelands Commission letter dated 1/23/2024, Jonathan G. FBRP.

Irrigation Revegetation \$5000 – Rich. Last week in September and October mark trails. Prep work, rope off area during Harvest week.

2023 National Fish and Wildlife’s Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund for the Pinelands for Everyone Initiative. Trail Improvement Grant. Project Location: Black Run Preserve (M23-6). “The Process for considering an Intergovernmental Agreement.” Status Update.

Kevin Rijs -Pinelands Map 2 was shown. Part of MOA. Crushed Granite surface material in parking lots. Park benches needed.

New Business

The NJDEP Tree Removal/Replacement Ordinance (due May 1, 2024.) Was revised.

NJDEP Privately-Owned Salt Storage Ordinance. (Due May 1, 2024). New Ordinance Chapter 139, Storm Water Management.

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2024 Tree Giveaway (Community Tree Recovery – Arbor Day Foundation Program): Grant Application submitted by due date January 26, 2024, Proposed Giveaway Date April 27, 2024 Laurel Oaks. Rain date April 28, 2024 Oaks or the Gibson House (Earth Day) Mike Staff.
Time 10 to 1.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA). Landscape Makeover Training Sessions.
Join virtually on February 28th at noon or 7 PM.
Training session. Can get a rebate. \$675.00 for a rain barrel
<http://www.sjwatersavers.org/makeover-sessions/>
<http://pinelandsalliance.org/our-work/>

Green Team Status Report: Earth Day April 28th at the Gibson House. Sustainable Jersey Certification 2024-2025. Proposed Point Scoring Plan. Ila Vassallo.
Green Team status report will be given to Kevin in April.

June 1 Marlton Lakes Garden Club , 4th annual tour from 10 to 2.

2023 Environmental Commission Annual Report.
Will be done by Staff, Lieberman, and Higginbotham.

2024 Goals and Objectives. Will be done by Commission.

Bee City: Status Report; 2024 Xerces Pollinator Kit Program giveaway: Project Location: Giveaway Requirements and Kits; Planting, Signage, Maintenance & Reporting. Due by February 18th. Kelly H.

Approval of Minutes

Staff motion to approval the minutes of the January 8, 2024, seconded Lieberman.
Recorded Votes: Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, Staff, Gonzalez, Eliot

Adjournment
8:30 PM

Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary