

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**March 4, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Municipal Building**

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**Called to Order**

Chairman Higginbotham called the meeting to order 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, Lieberman, Staff, DuCoin,

Absent: Paone, Gonzalez, Elliott

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

**Old Business**

Sustainable Jersey Grant Application/s PSEG Small & Large. Application/s submitted prior to deadline on February 9, 2024. Steve Elliott.

Kevin complete application for \$20,000 or \$2,000 for Black Run Preserve, Pinelands, or project in Township.

2024 Xerces Pollinator Kit Program giveaway grant. Township approved location Cambridge Park.

Application submitted prior to deadline February 18. Steve Elliott.

Grant application finalized.

MUA Irrigation Lines Revegetation Project FBP22-01)#1981-0556.052: Project schedule dated 2/9/2024. Jonathan G. FBRP

Black Run Preserve (PPA-FBRP-TWP). "The Process for considering an Intergovernmental Agreement."

Status update 2/23/2024 PC. Policy & Implementation Committee Meeting (steps 5-6)

Kevin map 2 of area – trail proposed. BRP provided additional information.

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 Laurel Oaks or the Gibson House (Earth Day). Mike Staff

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2024 Evesham Township Community Energy Plan (CEP). Township Planner. Heyer, Gruel & Associates. Adopted by Council Resolution 85-2024 on 2/14/2024.

Residents concerned about cost, feels this would be a bureaucratic mess. State grants offered by State Grants.

2023 Environmental Commission Annual Report. Vice Chair Lieberman.  
Lieberman and Staff worked on report, will discuss at next meeting with the Commission.

2024 Environmental Commission Goals and Objectives.

Davis Rogers /Croft Farm property. Proposed burn schedule to control invasive species.  
The burn took about 2 hours.

#### Draft Ordinances

- a. NJDEP Tree Removal/Replacement Ordinance (due May 1,2024)
- b. NJDEP Privately-owned Salt Storage Ordinance (due May 1. 2024)

Kevin – provided to Pinelands, they said no issues.

#### New Business

2024 BRP Poker Run, Black Run Preserve. Saturday April 13, 2024 (Rain Date 4/27/24).

Invitation from FBRP to the Environmental Commission to have a table at the Event.

Amy will do a table at Poker Run and Tree Giveaway.

Friends of Black Run Preserve (FBRP24-02): 2024-2025 Veterans & Nature Grant Program, Enhancing Well-being through Outdoor Experiences (NEEF).10K grant request to supplement ADA parking spaces to be installed within the Black Run.

\$10,000 grant being applied for ADA parking spaces.

ANJEC 2024 Open Space Stewardship Grant \$1,500. Application due April 26,2024.

<https://anjec.org/open-space-stewardship-grants/>

Community Energy Planning Implementation (CEPI) Grant. Deadline extended from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

<HTTPS://njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/community-energy-plans>

Black Run Preserve. Department of Recreation Open Space. Park management & maintenance.

<https:Evesham-nj.org//departments/recreation>

Councilwomen Cooper – council received some complaints about potholes in old access rds.

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Correspondence and minutes & memorialization of decisions

Liberman made a motion and seconded by Staff to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Mtg.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, Staff, DuCoin

Motion Approved

Public Comment

Shirley Bailey – spoke about there not being any funding for the Bee City Group. Looking for money for garden.

Kevin – application was not submitted yet.

Ila Vassallo – Spoke about Earth Day and submitted the advertisement for it.

Kathy Milano – spoke about trees at the BRP.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

April 8, 2024  
Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi  
Terri Bracchi Recording Secretary