

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

May 6, 2024

6:30 PM

Municipal Bldg.

Call 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 with 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, DuCoin, Gonzalez, Elliott

Absent: Paone, Staff

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

Old Business

Pinelands Commission and Township. "The Process for considering an Intergovernmental Agreement," Black Run Preserve. FBRP, PPA, Township staff meeting 4/23/2024. Update and schedule 2024-2025. Kevin Rijs – attended a meeting at the Pinelands Commission . The Commission voted for the PC and Township MOA process to continue moving forward. There is still a lot of work to be done.

Tree Giveaway was at Laurel Oaks. Higginbotham will distribute whatever is left over.

2023 Environmental Commission Annual Report. Vice Chair Lieberman. Will distribute at next meeting.

2024 Environmental Commission Goals and Objectives. Vice Chair Lieberman. Will distribute at next meeting.

ANJEC 2024 Open Space Stewardship Grant \$1,500; Application submitted by due date April 26, 2024, Cambridge Park.

New Business

Environmental Commission liaison to ANJEC. Mike Staff will be the liaison to ANJEC.

Turtle/Wildlife warning signs. Tomlinson Mill Rd.

Akira Reinhardt has a concern about the Eastern Box Turtle. Turtles has been run over. Ms. Reinhardt contacted Fish and Wildlife Department. They cannot do anything.

Tomlinson Mill Road has a number of turtle crossings especially during June and July.

Chairman Higginbotham- have permanent signs by Department of Public Works done an installed. Will Have a burb put in the paper

Green Team Resolution 136-2024 was adopted.

Cooper can use Green Team in social media.

Kevin Rijs – Green Team has a different social media presence.

Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) renewal between the Friends of Black Run Preserve (FBRP) 501c.3 & Evesham Township, May 28, 2024 through May 28 2027.

Cooper – sent a letter to John Volpa, his legacy continues.

John Volpa thanked the Township; there are about 100 volunteers.

Stormwater Control Ordinance (SCO) update 2024.

Remington & Vernick adopted amendments.

Pinelands 3 divisions, 3 definitions to Zoning Codes.

Review next meeting,

Approval of Minutes

Lieberman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting, seconded DuCoin.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, DuCoin, Gonzalez, Elliott

Motion approved.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 approved by Commission.

May 6, 2024
Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi
Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary