

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**September 9, 2024,**

**6:30 PM**

**Municipal Bldg.**

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**Call to Order**

Chairperson Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of Conformance with Open Public Meetings Act**

This meeting is compliant with the Open Public Meeting Act and other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey.

The 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, DuCoin, Gonzalez, Elliott

Absent: Liberman, 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. Update and schedule 2024 – 2025.

Sustainable Jersey Grant PSE&G. Evesham Township and Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA)l  
Evesham BioBlitz September 21, 2024.

Protecting the New Jersey Pine Barrens – Protecting the New Jersey Pinelands and Pine  
Barrens/Pinelands Preservation Alliance ([pinelandsalliance.org](http://pinelandsalliance.org))

Elliott – Work to be done on the grant.

- Parks need trees.
- Rain Barrell- will be open up to residents.
- Biolbitz – take pictures.

**New Business**

**Burlington County:** Taunton Lake Road (CR 544) Safety Improvement project.

**Project Overview,** Taunton Lake Road (County Route (CR 544) is a narrow 22 foot 2-lane road with no shoulders and deep roadside ditches immediately adjacent to both sides of the road. Burlington County is proposing to widen the 1.1 mile stretch of Taunton Lake Road between Tomlinson Mill Road/Braddock Mill Road and Kings Grant Drive/Barton Run Boulevard as a needed safety improvement. The project includes addition of 8-foot-wide shoulders to the 2-lane roadway to

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enhance safety along with drainage and stormwater management improvements to alleviate flooding problems that have long been associated with this stretch of roadway.

Microsoft PowerPoint – PIC Presentation Taunton Lake Rd.pptx  
(taylorwisement.com)

<https://taylorwiseman.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/PIC-Presentation Taunton Lake-Rd-pdf>

NJDOT Pollinator Zones Initiative

2024-2025 Calendar of Events  
a. Harvest Fest September 28, 2024

Green Team – Point Status  
Find out what their goals are.  
Needs update and projects for recertification.

**Correspondence and Minutes & Memorialization of Decisions**

A motion was made by Gonzalez and seconded by Elliott to approve the minutes of the August 5 and June 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings.  
Commissioner Approved.

**Commission Comments & Correspondence**

- Round Table
- Owens Corning (Former Facility -160 Jackson Road, Berlin, BI542, L 4: Block 1600l Lots 4-6) NJDEP Site Pref. ID 01342. Status Presentation to ED scheduled for October 7, 2024.

Councilwoman Cooper – ANJEC , receive an award with EC for \$100,000. Awards day is 9/27.  
Commission did a lot of work for this award.

Public Comment – none

Adjournment 7:50 – Commission approved

October 7, 2024  
Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi  
Terri Bracchi Recording Secretary.