

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING

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March 7, 2022

Members Present

D. Dittrick
D. Fashano
P. Glawe
J. Hendricks
A. Kraynak
C. Matlon
C. Mattessich
D. Wilson

Liaison

J. Ferramosca – Present

Members Absent

N. Mian – excused

Secretary Kraynak called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm according to the Open Publics Meeting Act.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Reviewed meeting minutes from February 7, 2022. Secretary Kraynak asked if there were any other changes to the meeting minutes. Secretary Kraynak read the following email from Member Matlon to change the section under titled Litter. Member Matlon's email: Litter – Member Mattessich said that there is trash behind Rt. 287. Chairman Wilson said there is trash, plastic bags, food cartons on Patriot's Path. There are many areas along roads in need of cleanup. Liaison Ferramosca suggested that the SLAP program may be able to help. Member Matlon said there is trash on Horsehill Rd. on land between Shop Rite and the solar panel field. John Ferramosca said he would check with SR to see if they are going to clean it up. (note that Member Matlon did witness a person picking up trash in that area after our meeting. It appeared to be an employee.) Also, Member Matlon indicated that Morristown Beard is listed on the Adopt a Highway sign in the area of the Whippany Rd/Rt 24 underpass and the litter in that area is also considerable. Member Ferramosca indicated someone from HT would contact Morristown Beard about cleaning up that area. Liaison Ferramosca made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Member Glawe seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Correspondence

- NJ Municipalities Magazine – February 2022. Secretary Kraynak said that there are 3 articles in the February NJ Municipalities magazine about recycling and Secretary Kraynak will scan the articles to the Environmental Commission/Green Team members. All members agreed to email the magazine articles.

Certified Mail

- None

Old Business

- Compost Bins – Secretary Kraynak said the Stoneybrook Farm & Garden committee will ask the gardeners if anyone is interested in a compost bin.
- April 2022 Shred Day Event – Member Fashano said the next Shred Day Event is Saturday, April 16, 9am – 12pm. Member Fashano said that he would like to dedicate the Shred Day Event in memory of Robin Dente. All members agreed. Member Fashano said C. Lake from Inter-Faith Food Pantry will be there with the refrigerated truck. Member Fashano said the press release, township website and digital sign request has to be done. Liaison Ferramosca suggested if we could contact the schools and if a flyer about the Shred Day Event and the Plastic Bag ban could be on the school website. Liaison Ferramosca suggested we contact S. Snow about contacting the schools.

New Business

- 2022 Meeting Schedule – Secretary Kraynak said the Environmental Commission/Green Team meetings will be in person starting in April. Secretary Kraynak said she asked about the conference room at the Hanover Township Community Center. Secretary Kraynak said that she would have to confirm the dates if the Community Center is available if members agree to meet at the Community Center. All members agree to meet at the Community Center.
- 2022 ANJEC Grants for Open Space Stewardship Projects – Liaison Ferramosca said the township applied for an Open Space grant. Liaison Ferramosca said that residents with disabilities to expand service for individuals a mechanism for transportation. Chairman Wilson suggested that through NJ Efficiency we could possibly get solar panels for the group homes. All members agreed to see if its possible to get solar panels for the group homes.
- River Flooding – Liaison Ferramosca said that Hanover Township hosted a community event about river about flooding with our congressional rep Mikie Sherrill and respective of mayors from the following towns East Hanover, Morris Plains, Parsippany and Florham Park awareness of health issues, and economic issues with the flooding tried to get support to de-s snag the river certain areas a lot of trees have fallen over work to get the trees out of the river. Liaison Ferramosca said that is probably not going to go anywhere that is considered maintenance. Liaison Ferramosca said however we did bring up there is a

tremendous amount of silt stopping the water flowing properly and silt with the erosion of the river banks we provided a full blown engineering report 20-30 pages with illustration with recommendations this was given to congressional rep. We hope it gets support its infrastructure said to put it in perspective District 11 has more flooding than the Jersey Shore. Liaison Ferramosca said hopefully we get some support and action. Liaison Ferramosca said Hanover Township has historical treasures pre-revolutionary burying yard is jeopardized and the newly acquired museum The Tuttle House the fact the property could get washed out. Liaison Ferramosca said the river needs to be dredged, the river embankments need to be restored. Liaison Ferramosca said that is the news and he will keep us updated and the ticket price is \$20 million plus. Member Glawe asked would infrastructure money be used? Liaison Ferramosca said we made the appeal to do. Liaison Ferramosca said Deputy Mayor Gallagher worked very hard trying to get it off the ground. Liaison Ferramosca said de-snagging wasn't infrastructure it appears we are starting to get support from the other towns.

- Old Route 24 Property – Member Glawe said that he saw in the USA Today newspaper that the Old Route 24 property will be preserved and a nature trail.

Open To The Public

Adjourn

- Secretary Kraynak asked at 8:10 pm if there is any further business if not is there a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Matlon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Glawe seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

The next Environmental Commission/Green Team meeting is Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm.