



# TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### Approved Minutes

For the regular meeting of  
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

- \* The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Ray Nichols.

#### **Statement of Compliance & Roll Call**

Members present: Ray Nichols, Jim Gambino, Bill Washburn (until ~ 8:00), Mike Aucott,  
and Andrew Plunkett (8:05)

Members absent: Rex Parker, George Kerr, Nora Sirbaugh, Vanessa Sandom,

Also present: Mark Kataryniak – Twp Administrative Officer

Michael Ruger – Twp Committee Liaison

Members of the Public present: Harvey Lester

#### **New Agenda Items**

There was a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approval to add the following agenda items under New Business:

- \* Open Space-Recreation Master Plan Element - subcommittee formation
- \* New NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules
- \* ANJEC Environmental Congress

#### **Minutes for Approval**

The June 19, 2018 draft minutes were approved with no changes – Motion, Jim; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray

**Action:** Jim will forward these minutes to Mark for posting on the Township website.

#### **Planning Board Application Review**

##### 1. **H. Lydia Zaininger:**

Block 39, Lot 19, 69 Bayberry Road, R-150 District  
Residential Minor Subdivision

We reviewed and discussed this application together with Mark Kataryniak.

We have no environmental concerns for the proposed project.

**Action:** Jim will prepare and send our comment via memo to Mark to post with this application on the Township website.

#### **Subcommittee Reports / Discussions / Updates for on-going projects**

#### **A. Chestnut Tree Planting Project**

Mike A. and Bill added three new seedlings (where nuts failed to grow), and replaced one sapling that died at the Woolsey Park site. They watered all twelve locations.

Note: Mike A. and others will be hiking the Sourlands on Friday, July 20 to search for surviving American chestnut trees. Contact Mike if you want to help.

#### **B. Hopewell Harvest Fair – add to September meeting agenda**

#### **C. Water Monitoring – Scotch Rd Well Review**

**Action:** We will review updated hydrographs at our December meeting.

#### **D. Shade Tree Ordinance**

We have completed our review.

**Actions:** Nora will send the final draft of our proposed ordinance to Mark for township review, with a note to specifically clarify who the “project supervisor” is, since this person is mentioned numerous times in the ordinance.

Mike R. will notify the Twp Comm. members of this anticipated ordinance.

### **New Business**

#### **A. NJ Assembly Bill 3267 – user fees for single-use carryout bags**

Prior to our meeting, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) emailed all members with a draft resolution to be sent to Governor Murphy with wording to help strengthen the bill.

We had a lengthy discussion, but decided to not take action on this issue.

**Action:** watch to see if Governor Murphy signs or vetoes the current bill.

#### **B. Open Space-Recreation Master Plan Element - subcommittee formation**

We were asked to select two volunteers for the proposed subcommittee. Ray and Jim volunteered.

**Action:** Mark will notify the Planning Board of the EC Volunteers

#### **C. New NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules**

Mark explained to us that the Twp now has enhanced reporting requirements to NJDEP. One example is to report on both public *and* privately-owned storm water basin system maintenance.

**Action:** visit the NJDEP website /stormwater/crosswalk doc. to see a comparison of old vs. new requirements.

#### **D. ANJEC Environmental Congress**

This annual fall event will be held at Mercer County Community College.

**Actions:** Members who wish to attend must first go online to fill out a registration form, and forward this information to Mark ASAP.

### **Announcements / Correspondence**

#### **1. NJDEP News Release – Delaware Estuary Plan Update**

**Action:** Public comment is being accepted through July 20.

Note: We do not plan to meet in August unless Mark notifies us differently.

- \* The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm: Motion – Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray; all in favor.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Gambino  
Secretary