

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
December 4, 2018**

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Foster at 7:41 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

Members in Attendance

Steve Foster
Jerry Cook
Christina Albrecht
Todd Terricone
Neil Hendrickson

Also present:

Jonathan Heller and Robert Becker

MINUTES

Mr. Cook moved, and Ms. Albrecht seconded, a motion to approve the November 7, 2018 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

LOI/Freshwater Wetlands

NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Application, Transition Area Waiver and Letter of Interpretation Line Verification. Block 39, Lots 56 & 57, PMG Retail – Convenience store building with fuel- Noted
Letter of Interpretation- Hunterdon County Dept. of Public Works- Reconstruction of County Bridge R-24 -Noted
Application for Freshwater Wetlands and General Permit and Water Quality Certificate- PSE&G- Noted

AOC (Areas of Concern)

598 Old York Road, 1000-gallon #2 heating oil – no further action- Noted

Correspondence

Grant WM16-013 Section 319(h) 5th Quarterly Performance Reports #6 and #7- Noted
Raritan Headwaters- There was a discussion regarding the statewide problem of the recycling of plastics such as straws, bags and containers. It was noted that a short paragraph will be prepared regarding plastics management for publication on the Township page in the Readington News.
Notice letter for extension of letter of interpretation- Block 36 Lots 125 & 126 -Oakland Drive West
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Improvements - Noted

New Business

Review of Draft Tree Ordinance

Robert Becker was present and discussed the draft ordinance in detail with the Committee. Mr. Becker noted some issues with the draft and items that needed more clarification.

A motion was made by Ms. Albrecht, seconded by Mr. Terricone to make a recommendation to the Township Committee that a community tree advisory board be created beginning January 1, 2019 to work under the authority of the Environmental Commission towards finalizing the tree ordinance and to establish a tree advisory committee for citizen issues. The motion carried unanimously.

Educational Opportunities

Chair Foster noted that ANJEC webinars and seminars are available regarding stormwater regulations to keep all municipalities educated and on the same page.

Other Business

Chair Foster provided an update on the Rain Garden at the Middle School and the committee discussed ways on how to get families educated and informed.

It was noted that Sustainable NJ Recertifications are due 2019.

Site Plan Review and Comment

It was noted that there was nothing to review at this time

Publications

ANJEC quarterly reports

Board of Adjustment & Planning Board Minutes

It was noted that there was nothing to review at this time

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present

Adjournment

It was the consensus of the committee members to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Ann Marie Lehberger

Secretary to the Environmental Commission