

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
February 5, 2019**

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hendrickson at 7:35 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

Neil Hendrickson
Steve Foster
Jason Giroud
Jerry Cook
Christina Albrecht
Jonathan Heller
Robert Becker
Todd Terricone (Arrived at 7: 50 pm)

Also present:

Ann Marie Lehberger, Secretary, Adam Mueller and Karen Mittleman

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

It was discussed and determined that the meetings will be held once per month on the first Tuesday of the month except for June, September and November when it will be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Ms. Albrecht moved, and Mr. Foster seconded, a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2019 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

LOI/Freshwater Wetlands

Letter of Interpretation- Merck & Co.- Block 4 Lot 4.01 & Block 2.01 Lot 9-Noted
Freshwater Wetland Letter of Interpretation line Verification Withdrawal- PMG Realty LLC- Block 39 Lots 56 & 57- Noted
Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Extension – Readington Township-Block 36 Lot 125- Noted
Application for Wetlands General Permit 18- Rehabilitation of Deer Path Park Dam-Noted
Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Extension – Block 4 Lot 52 Readington Commons II LLC-Noted
Application for a Flood Hazard General Permit for the Maintenance of Existing PSE&G Natural Gas Submission System Rights-of-Way to Permit Selective Herbicide Application within Riparian Zones- Noted

AOC (Areas of Concern)

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification- 38 Old Hwy 28- Oil Heating #2 -Noted
Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification- 138 Kosciuszko Rd.- Dioxane-Noted
Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification- 442 Main Street- Oil Hydraulic-Noted
Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification- 6 Shade Lane- Oil Heating #2-Noted
3 Arrowhead Road, 550-gallon #2 heating oil – no further action-Noted
9 Apple Tree Road, 550-gallon #2 heating oil – no further action- Noted
125 Stanton Road, 550-gallon #2 heating oil – no further action-Noted
116 Pine Bank Road, 550-gallon #2 heating oil – no further action-Noted

Correspondence

Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation- 19th Annual Earth Day Celebration – Some ideas were discussed regarding recycling of plastics- possibly a reusable bag that can be given away. It was noted that the Chair will contact the County for more information, and it will be added to the agenda for the March meeting for further discussion.

ANJEC 2019 Membership – It was discussed and agreed that the membership would be renewed for 2019 so that the members can take advantage of the resources available.

Community Solar- It was discussed. Mr. Becker volunteered to follow and provide updates to the committee.

American Water 2019 Grant Program- Grant opportunities that are available were discussed.

New Business

The Chair announced that two new subcommittees will be established under the Environmental Commission. Adam Mueller will be the chair of the Wildlife Advisory Committee and Neil Hendrickson will be the chair of the Tree Advisory Committee. The Tree Advisory Committee will focus on the Tree Ordinance as well as other Township issues. The Wildlife Advisory Committee will focus on deer management as well as other Township issues. A notice will also be posted on the Township page in the Readington News to create more interest and encourage more volunteers.

Ms. Albrecht moved, and Mr. Foster seconded, a motion to establish the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee and the Tree Advisory Subcommittee. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Forest Management Plan- Mr. Becker noted that the annual report must be submitted. The chair will follow up with Administration to get the information that is needed to submit the report.

Site Plan Review and Comment

It was noted that there was nothing to review at this time. The procedure for reviewing applications was discussed. It was determined that a member of the Environmental Commission will join the TRC calls for both Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment going forward. This will be arranged by the secretary.

Public Comment

Karen Mittleman was present from the Board of Health and explained that she attended the National Radon Seminar. It was noted that Hunterdon County is Tier 1 with 40% of homes that have radon. There are two grants that are available, one for schools and one for Townships. Ideas were discussed on how the Environmental Commission and the Board of Health can work together to raise awareness and educate the community.

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