

**Readington Township
Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2020**

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hendrickson at 7:00 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, Chair
Robert Becker
Jeff Charney
Stephen Foster
Jonathan Heller
Susan Masinda
Todd Terricone

Members Absent

Jerry Cook

Minutes

Mr. Foster moved, and Mr. Heller seconded, a motion to approve the minutes for February 4, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

LOI/Freshwater Wetlands

Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 1 and 7 and Transition Area Waiver Averaging Plan - Hunterdon Brewing Company, Block 36 Lot 44.02 - Noted
Soil Remedial Action Permit- Hamm Property, 3556 & 3558 Route 22, Block 15, Lots 8 & 9 - Noted

AOC (Areas of Concern)

No Further Action Letter- 550 Gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System- Block 55 Lot 12- 136 Pine Bank Road - Noted
Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification-#2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System -24 Kline Blvd. -Noted
Remediation Response Action Outcome- Stavola Quarries LLC-126 Rockaway Road, Block 1, Lot 1 and Block 3, Lot 1 -Noted

New Business

Presentation- Raritan Headwaters- Well Test Results

Mara Tippet was present from Raritan Headwaters and gave a power point presentation overview of the results for the Township's 2019 well testing program. She explained that the program has been running with the Township for the past 35 years. She further explained that testing is done by state run laboratories and the samples are collected by the residents which helps to reduce the costs. She noted that several different tests are offered such as bacteria, metals, pesticides, radon, and lead. She stated that 237 tests were done in 2019 for Readington Township and reviewed the overall results noting that individual results are sent directly to the resident. She also explained that Raritan Headwaters is currently working on maps that will be posted on their website outlining the results. There is also a lot of other information that can be found on the website.

It was discussed that only about 5% of the total wells in the Township are being tested and the Environmental Commission needs to think about ways to increase participation and get the word out to expand the program for 2020.

Other Business

Plastics Ban Ordinance

Chair Hendrickson noted that the Zoning Officer had made some comments on the draft ordinance. There was a discussion regarding paper bags, and it was noted that there would need be exceptions to consider for example, prescription bags, produce bags and bakery bags. It was determined that paper bags may be made available and it will be up to the discretion of businesses or stores if there is a charge for those bags. Paper Straws only may be made available and restaurant take out containers must recyclable #1 or #2 or biodegradable.

Trex Program Update

Chair Hendrickson noted that the collection bin has been placed in the entrance way of the municipal building for the collection.

Earth Day

Mr. Foster noted that there are many programs that the Environmental Commission already does that could be tied into Earth day to encourage more community participation. It was suggested that an article be included in the Readington News.

Mr. Becker discussed grants and provided an update on grants as follows:

Date	Title	Objective	\$	\$ Cost	Due Date	Status
11/29/2019	ANJEC	Pollinator Garden	\$1,000		5/5/2019	Awarded
11/29/2019	Electric Vehicle Charging Station	Two port charging station	\$6,000		Open	Submitted
11/29/2019	Roots for Rivers	Tree planting in riparian buffer Holland Brook 523	\$3,750	in kind	12/31/2019	Awarded
11/29/2019	Community Forestry Stewardship	Any aspect of community tree program	\$10,00-\$20,000	In kind	5/29/2020	
11/29/2019	Complete Streets	Assessment and recommendations of street configuration relating to walkability, safety	data		12/20/2019	Not Awarded
11/29/2019	New Jersey Clean Energy	Baseline study of current use of energy by municipality to establish future goals for improvement	data		Open	Processing
12/13/2020	Sustainable NJ	Apply to any action category in program	\$10,000	Meadows	2/14/2020	Submitted
12/13/2020	Sustainable NJ	Apply to any action category in program	\$2,000	Retention Basin	2/14/2020	Submitted

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1/3/2020	Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive	\$4000 toward electric vehicle purchase and \$1500 dual port level 2 station	As indicated		4/15/20	
1/3/2020	Roots for Rivers	Tree planting in riparian buffer Bloy Farm 319H	\$7,123		12/13/2019	Awarded
1/15/2020	ANJEC	Open Space Stewardship Projects	\$1,500		4/6/2020	Processing
1/22/2020	American Water	Environmental	\$10,000		3/31/2020	
2/2/2020	Sustainable Jersey	PSEG Grants encourage collaboration between town and schools	\$10,000		3/31/2020	Submitted
2/5/2020	US Forest Service	Any action that supports the sustainability (resiliency) of forests. Multi municipalities preferred	Unlimited		3/30/2020	
2/5/2020	AARP Community Challenge	Focus on senior community engagement, public places, access	Unlimited		4/1/20	

Mr. Becker provided the below Sustainable NJ scorecard:

Action- EC Scorecard	Possible Points	App 2019	Expiration
Innovative Community Project 3 Well Testing	20	10	12/31/21
Green Infrastructure Implementation *New*	15	10	12/31/24
Green Infrastructure Planning *New*	15	10	12/31/24
Sustainable Land Use Pledge (PRIORITY)	10	10	12/31/21
Environmental Assessment Ordinance	10	10	Never
Environmental Commission	10	10	12/31/19
Environmental Commission Site Plan Review	10	10	12/31/20
Innovative Community Project 2 Ash Tree	20	10	12/31/21
Tree Hazard Inventory	10	10	12/31/24
Tree Planting Programs	10	10	12/31/21
Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan	10	10	12/31/21

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Wildlife Interaction Plan	10	10	12/31/24
Community Education and Outreach	10	20	12/31/20
Community Forestry and Tree Cover Goal	20	20	12/31/19
Natural Resource Inventory (PRIORITY)	20	20	12/31/29
Green Your Green Fair	10		
Hold a Green Fair	10		
Lead Education and Outreach Programs	10		
Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach	15		
Green Roofs	10		
Climate Action Plan	10		
Community Asset Mapping	10		
Reusable Bag Education Program	5		
Tree Maintenance Programs	10		
Tree Protection Ordinance	10		
Animals in the Community Education	10		
Companion Animal Management Plan	10		
Companion Animal Management Pledge	5		
Enhanced Licensing Compliance	10		
20% of Categories (Points)	335	180	

Tree Ordinance

Chair Hendrickson noted that the Tree Ordinance is moving along the process and noted that the Environmental Commission will be more involved. Additional volunteers will be needed especially those with tree expertise.

Site Plan Review and Comment

Ryland Developers, Appl# PB20-001 - Block 14 Lots 29.02 & 29.03- Preliminary & Final Major Subdivision

The application and plans were reviewed for the subdivision proposal of 39 single family residential lots. There were concerns noted about stormwater management and whether it meets current state requirements, lighting as well as the proposed planting plan.

Adjournment

It was the consensus of the committee members to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Lehberger

Secretary to the Environmental Commission