

**MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
July 23, 2017
7:30 P.M**

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The July 23, 2018 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:37 p.m. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a Regular Business Meeting of the East Amwell Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on March 22, 2018. A copy of tonight’s agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times Newspaper, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

**ATTENDANCE:
2018 ATTENDANCE**

Environmental Commission Member	No Meeting	2/26/18	3/26/18	4/23/18	5/30/18	6/25/18	7/23/18	8/27/18	9/24/18	10/22/18	11/26/18	No Meeting
Dee Kellogg		X	X	X	X	X						
Joe Angelone		X	X	X	X	7:45	X					
Frances Gavigan		X	X	X	X	X						
Tom Rue		X	X	X	X		X					
Patsy Wang-Iverson		X	X	X	X	X						
Lisa Davis		X	X			X	X					
James Edwards			X	X	X							
Kevin Ostrander (alt. I)							X					

*Others present: David Wang-Iverson, Gail Brewi
Public: None*

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: June 25, 2018 Business Meeting

Minutes of June 25, 2018: Motion to approve the draft minutes was made by Lisa Davis and seconded by Joe Angelone. Minutes were carried since there were not sufficient eligible voting members in attendance.

BILLS OF THE EVENING – Request made by Gail Brewi per communication from Patsy Wang-Iverson to approve \$125.00 for (1) sign located at the trail head of the Rocky Brook Trail. Motion to approve \$125.00 for a sign at the trail head of the Rocky Brook Trail was made by Joe Angelone and seconded by Kevin Ostrander. Monies were unanimously approved with no objections.

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LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS – Request from ANJEC seeking municipal EC support to veto Governor Murphy’s proposed bill for a Plastic Bag Ban, L. Davis updated.

- Reservations raised included – a \$.05 fee, language prohibiting municipalities from enforcing their own regulations, and loop holes with exclusions for groups of people based on varying criteria.
- Language prohibited “single use” carry out bags but allowed “thicker reusable” plastic bags
- Lead abatement program was supposed to be recipient of fees. However, suggestions exist that monies may now have been allocated to help balance the budget.
- K. Ostrander commented on his agreement to hold out for a better version of the bill.
- It was noted that in other States where such a ban has been implemented there is a questionable use of the revenue dollars earned and the quantitative reduction in plastic bag use.
- A sample resolution from ANJEC was shared by L. Davis and the urgency to address prior to the next scheduled EC meeting was discussed. It was decided based upon timing that L. Davis would draft a veto response for the East Amwell EC.
- K. Ostrander clarified that such a response could not be done on behalf of the Township but, should only be expressed on behalf of Environmental Commission.
- J. Angelone expressed his opposition to the bill in it’s current form and his support for municipalities to have authority to impose more stringent regulations if they choose.
- T. Rue also supported a ban on the bill as proposed.

Motion to approve that Lisa Davis draft a response to ask for the ban of Governor Murphy’s plastic bag bill as proposed was made by Tom Rue and seconded by Joe Angelone. Environmental Commissions’ veto response was unanimously approved with none opposed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - None Present.

REPORTS:

Financial Report – G. Brewi updated.

- Year to date the Commission has used 45% of the budget including part time wages, training, and conferences. The EC will have (1) additional meeting in August vs. prior year and therefore the commission will monitor.
- G. Brewi to send reminder to members of August meeting to hold the date.

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AG Advisory - No report provided.

Planning Board – No report provided.

Township Committee – David Wang -Iverson updated.

- Committee passed an ordinance to allow alcohol at the Clawson House for events.
- Ordinance has been proposed by the Mayor for a Brush Collection pick up in the township.

Public Outreach Committee – D. Wang-Iverson updated.

- P. Wang-Iverson has set up an effort with TREX in which the township will attempt to collect 500 lbs., or (43,000) plastic bags in 6 months. In return a bench will be provided (made from recycled materials) for the Rocky Brook Trail. Stop N Shop has agreed to allow the township to use their collection of plastic bags towards the townships goals. Recycling depot will be used to promote and get the word out to residents. Test run of collection will be done with a collection box located at the township and other possible outlets.
- L. Davis discussed Color Run, to be held Saturday September 29th with Rain Date of September 30th. L. Davis attended recent meeting during which the main discussion was to ensure all viable vendors are invited. FOSPEC has established a lengthy list and invitations have been sent based upon feedback from many groups and committees. If anyone has suggestions of additional invitees, please forward to L. Davis. There is a formal standardized invite which has been created for consistency along with an insurance indemnity form which can be sent to additional vendors. Goal is to have all vendors lined up by the end of August.

Recycling Committee – T. Rue updated.

- Depot was discussed. Styrofoam collection is building up.
- EPA is discussing the upgrading of facilities due to non-acceptance of items received. Communities through the country will need to update facilities to receive recycling. Recycling symbol doesn't mean that those items can all be received by municipalities.
- J. Angelone commented about single stream recycling. Separation and cleaning will hinder collection.
- K. Ostrander discussed notice from private collectors as well regarding the acceptance and cleaning requirements to allow acceptance of items. There was a concern raised that the approach is more work for the consumers and therefore people will become non-

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compliant.

Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee – T. Rue updated.

- No meeting this past month due to lack of information to hold a monthly meeting.

Site Review Committee – J. Angelone updated.

- Site review of township properties will begin in October 2018. Letters will go out to residents regarding the easement review prior.
- J. Angelone requested a copy of the submittal for Block 24 Lot 8.01 (24-acre property) because of conservation easements which exist on the property. DuBois Environmental Consultants are applying to NJ DEP to create a remediated wetland property to enter it into the wetland bank. G. Brewi to request information from township clerk. J. Angelone to investigate further.
- T. Rue inquired about the process, deeds, and enforcement of the same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sustainability New Jersey Program: overview was provided by L. Davis
 - Nonprofit program which allows the township access to training tools, comparable studies, and an avenue to apply for grant money.
 - Green programs and activities such as having a recycling depot, easement inventory site plan review and other similar projects East Amwell already has in place allow for a cumulation of points.
 - Bronze status requires 150 earned points which members believe to be attainable for the township and will allow East Amwell to achieve certification.
 - J. Angelone and L. Davis volunteered to attend upcoming Township Committee meeting on August 8th; an ordinance will be introduced to form a township “Green Team”. This is the first necessary step to approve and formulate a township model based on the size of the municipality.
- NJ Grant Program: information was provided via e-mail by P. Wang-Iverson and shared by L. Davis.
 - Information was shared about the possibility of applying for a grant to fully fund an electric car charging station in East Amwell municipal parking. Currently there is a waiting list but, this could be a viable program for the township. More information to come after further investigation.
- VIP next issue will be published in September. Members should provide any viable

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articles or suggestions at the next meeting.

- 45th Annual Environmental Conference, Friday, October 12th at Mercer County Community College. Anyone interested in attending should let EC know by the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business discussed.
- Next meeting, August 27th – J. Angelone and D. Kellogg will not be in attendance

CORRESPONDENCE:

- L. Davis to follow up on correspondence from Katherine Fullerton re: Color Run participants as discussed above.
- J. Angelone is looking into the application from DuBois Environmental Consultants re: Block 24 Lot 8.01 as discussed above.
- G Brewi to follow up on status and to ensure handling of the pollution complaint at 37 Boss Road

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to close the meeting made by L. Davis, seconded by J. Angelone, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Gail Brewi
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Environmental Commission Secretary