

MINUTES
East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
July 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The July 22, 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, M. Petrus at 7:38 PM.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, M. Petrus announced that this is the Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 31, 2013. A copy of tonight's agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the Trenton Times Newspaper, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: M. Petrus, T. Robbi, D. Kellogg, S. Grace,
J. Corboy (Secretary)

ABSENT: D. Sageser, J. Bradstreet, E. Johanson, J. Angelone, B. Hummel

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: June 24, 2013 – Business Meeting

Approval of the June 24, 2013 Business Meeting minutes was postponed – lack of members present this evening who were present for the June meeting.

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

a. Receipt from Staples presented by M. Petrus – purchase of East Amwell Township Banner for 4-H Fair.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

a. Receipt from Staples – presented by M. Petrus – new banner - \$36.79

Motion was made by D. Kellogg and seconded by T. Robbi to authorize payment for this bill. All were in favor.

REPORTS:

a. Planning Board – D. Sageser was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

b. Township Committee – D. Sageser was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

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c. Recycling Committee – There will be no August Recycling Committee meeting due to the special elections. M. Petrus informed members that he has been in contact with Jackie Ajourssy, advisor to the 4-H Sustainable Kids Program, and that they will be assisting him with the recycling at the 4-H Fair. He is hoping to attend the County Fair planning meeting. He also reminded members that the Recycling Committee will be collecting heavy metals and usable clothing and furniture at the October Depot Day. The Recycling Committee will be experimenting with another new program starting in September – collecting plastic bottle caps.

d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi reminded member of his last report - assemblage of parcels of over 40 acres total, approximately seven lots located on the north side of Ridge Rd. west of Lindbergh Rd., adjacent to existing county, state, and D&R preserved open space is in the planning stages. A 50% grant from the County, to be matched by 50% from Green Acres, is being pursued. Evaluations are still needed. This would expand existing preserved Sourland woodlands.

Rocktown Woods Preserve – Omick Trail: Work on the Omick Trail project continues – volunteers are still clearing the trails.

e. Site Review Committee – No report received from this Committee.

f. Public Outreach/4-H Fair – D. Kellogg reported that the 4-H Fair application has been filled out and returned to the County. Secretary has issued letters to the surrounding communities requesting their assistance with booth duty. Raritan Township and Delaware Township have responded favorably. Memo has also been issued to all East Amwell Township committees and boards. D. Kellogg has the working schedule ready and it will be sent out to all who have volunteered their assistance. She will also check on the brochures and informational materials leftover from the last Fair, and update where needed. She reported on possibilities for prizes: Positive Promotions - Earth Day has (removable) tattoos and activity books available at discounted prices. D. Kellogg estimated the amounts needed and members discussed – suggesting a lower amount, although leftovers could be used in the coming years. M. Petrus stated that he will once again approach the local nurseries for donations of seed packets. D. Kellogg requested suggestions of topics that might be included on the table. Some topics suggested included rain barrels, worm farms, well-water testing results, open space/preserved land maps, conservation easements and trails information.

g. Conservation Easements – J. Bradstreet was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received. Secretary reported that letters have gone out to the five names given to her at last month's meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None presented

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 7/22/13 agenda.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS: M. Petrus informed members of an interesting article/page on single stream recycling in the Popular Science Magazine. M. Petrus will send copies to all members.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

ADJOURN: 8:20 PM Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and D. Kellogg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joyce S. Corboy, Secretary

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Twp. Bulletin Brd. Trenton Times Recycling Com.
Planning Board Associate Members Agric. Adv. Com.
Farmland & Open Space Preservation**