

MINUTES
East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
November 24, 2014
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The November 24, 2014 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by E. Johanson at 7:35 p.m. In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, E. Johanson announced that this is the Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 19, 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 on November 17, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: E. Johanson, J. Frederick, D. Kellogg, J. Angelone, D. Schleifer, M. Prendamano (Secretary),

ABSENT: D. Sageser, B. Hummel, J. Bradstreet, T. Robbi

The Commission agreed to Open to the Public at this time.

Present from the public was Boy Scout Ryan Mundy and Eagle Scout advisor Edward Wallace. Mr. Wallace came to discuss Mr. Mundy's proposed Eagle Scout project in the trail of Omick Woods. About half way through the trail there is a clearing. He would like to put a picnic table. He cleared some of the trail this weekend and will continue to work on clearing it. J. Angelone made reference to the proposal that was submitted. Mr. Mundy made some suggested adjustments to his original proposal based on the comments from T. Robbi. Mr. Mundy also plans on placing a kiosk at the entrance of the trail. J. Angelone confirmed with Mr. Mundy that the Environmental Commission and/or D&R Greenway will not be providing the building materials. Mr. Mundy is going to approach Lowes for a donation of material. Mr. Wallace added that they will be seeking other options through fundraising to help pay for materials.

J. Frederick inquired if there had been a hunter on or near the trail this past weekend. D. Schleifer confirmed that there was. Mr. Mundy was not on the trail while this happened.

Mr. Mundy reported that they will be doing trail maintenance throughout the winter but would not begin construction until the weather permits.

D. Schleifer suggested that a sign addressing trash removal be placed near the picnic table so that patrons carry out their garbage.

J. Angelone suggested the Commission approve the proposal to the extent of their authority based on T. Robbi's communications with D&R Greenway. D. Kellogg made a motion for same. E. Johanson seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to conditionally approve the proposed project.

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The Commission agreed to close to the public at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: October 27, 2014

The minutes of the October 27, 2014 Business Meeting were presented for approval by E. Johanson. D. Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes. J. Angelone seconded this motion. All members were unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

INVOICES: None

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS: None

REPORTS:

- a. **Planning Board** – No member of the planning board was present. E. Johanson reported that Mom’s restaurant is donating a gift certificate to the winner of the Village Holiday Decorating Contest.
- b. **Township Committee** – No member of the Township Committee was present.
- c. **Recycling Committee**- E. Johanson reported that the Recycling Committee will continue its Styrofoam collection. Specifically the hard packing foam from T.V.’s etc.

Farmland/Open Space Preservation –As per email from T. Robbi–“Ridge Rd. assemblage has closed, with help of D&R. Township now owns five properties totaling 38 acres, providing increased road frontage for the 174 acres of contiguous wooded open space in that part of the Sourlands.

Adjacent properties: County owns 83 ac.; State DEP - 45 ac; D&R - 8 ac,

Funded by grants from Green Acres (50%) and Hunterdon County's Open Space Trust Fund (50%).”

- d. **Site Review Committee** – There is nothing new to report.
- e. **Public Outreach/4H Fair** – E. Johanson reported that the movie was well received. Many of the residents that attended asked when we would be hosting another one. She will speak to Jared Flesher about doing another one. Caroline Katmann graciously attended and gave a brief introduction. The Girl Scouts provided refreshments.

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- f. **Conservation Easements** – Nothing new to report. D. Schleifer noted that he is available to do inspections on the weekends. D. Kellogg suggested that some of the inspections could be done online with Google earth. The year of the photo should be noted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Public Movie Showing** - This item was discussed during our Public Outreach line item.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Social Media** – T. Robbi suggested in an email that the Commission consider a Facebook page. J. Angelone doesn't think that the Commission has enough information or posts to make it worthwhile. D. Kellogg agreed with him. She suggested that the Township maintain a community calendar listing all events for all committees.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Public was addressed earlier.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 11/24/14 agenda. A discussion ensued about an email from E. Johanson with regard to grey water. She thought perhaps it would be an item for Greenfest. She explained that grey water is not suitable for drinking but can be used to water plants.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:

ADJOURN: 8:28 PM Motion for adjournment was received from D. Kellogg and seconded by J. Angelone. All members were in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Maria Prendamano, Secretary

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Twp. Com. & Clerk Democrat Newspaper Recreation Com.
Twp. Bulletin Brd. Trenton Times Recycling Com.
Planning Board Associate Members Agric. Adv. Com.
Farmland & Open Space Preservation