

REVIEW OF AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by JD Groon, seconded by Chair Edwards to approve the January Reorganization minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by JD Groon, seconded by Chair Edwards to approve the February minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public in attendance.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey - Secretary Kavchok submitted the first Amwell Lake cleanup as a community education and outreach action item to Sustainable Jersey. The Rain Barrel project will be the next action item to be submitted under community education and outreach.

JD Groon reached out to his contact person familiar with the State Dept of Forestry Management to see about requirements for the CFMP plan and has not heard back to date.

Chair Stetson has identified places where trees could be planted within East Amwell and has been in touch with the Sourland Conservancy regarding their tree planting initiative for 2022. The Conservancy would like East Amwell to provide deer proofing or trees, in addition.

- The Commission is awaiting word from Sustainable Jersey on the 2 grants applied for earlier in the year. If won, these funds would be utilized to supplement the Conservancy's efforts.

DCFC/Charging Station - The Commission has won the NJ BPU grant for \$75,000 to put toward a DCFC charging station at the municipal building. The station would have to be in the ground by May of 2023. The grant is an upfront payment structure which poses an issue due to the budget. **Greg Chiacchio** will be on hand for future contractor meetings as he can clarify what is necessary for the estimate.

- The Commission is looking at ways to leverage financing, and in the meantime we will receive an additional quote from Kurt Willard from IFS in April and updated quotes from Troller and Rowe when necessary.

NJDEP Arbor Day - Tree Recover & Salem Oak -

- Chair Stetson is awaiting word on DEP sapling status and Salem Oak Status

Upcoming Events - Secretary Kavchok updated the commission on the Amwell Lake cleanup which was a well-attended and informative event.

Secretary Kavchok advised that the Roadside Cleanup is set for April 3rd from 8-12pm. The Raritan Headwaters annual well testing event will take place and documentation pertaining to it will be submitted to Sustainable Jersey by Chair Stetson for the 10 point well testing action item.

The Raritan Headwaters annual stream cleanup is set for April 23rd. The area between Cider Mill and Manners (lower neshanic and Back Brooks) will be cleaned up (Site 62). The Commission will alert residents prior to the event via newsflash and the township facebook.

NEW BUSINESS

Native Plant Ordinance/Monarch - Erica Johanson discussed educational initiatives for residents such as deer proof plants and providing seeds at either the “Green Scene” or Friday Night in the Park.

- Secretary Kavchok elaborated on activities to provide at the Green Scene and will have more of an update in April. Erica Johanson will reach out to Toad Shade Farm in Frenchtown to see about partnering.
- Secretary Kavchok will send out the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge for review.

Climate Corp Fellow - Chair Stetson elaborated on the Sustainable Jersey Climate Corp fellow program. This would be a college student who’d work in the town providing technical assistance/energy auditing for the Township.

- Mayor Castellano advised it could be useful to provide an energy audit to the school. Therefore Chair Stetson will look into obtaining a Climate Corp fellow to provide an energy audit for East Amwell Township School.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised that the Ringoes Master Plan is available for viewing and invited members to attend the Planning Board meeting on April 13th for public comment.

There is an application for review that requires a site walk. Chair Stetson will arrange with the site review subcommittee to perform an on-site review.

Parks & Recreation - Erica Johanson advised that Friday Nights in the Park, the first of which is in July, will provide an opportunity for community education and outreach. Mayor Castellano agreed; the commission will provide native plants and monarch information.

FOSPC - There is no update to date.

Township Committee Liaison - Mayor Castellano advised that the Zoning officer resigned, and that a CFO mentor is close to being hired.

In closing, Lindsey Manzo advised she is looking into establishing a Monarch “weigh station” which would be a great addition to a table at the Friday Night in the Park.

- Lindsey and Erica will work together to have this happen in July.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

No vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE

All Correspondence was distributed to the commission prior to the meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is distributed via email to all members when the secretary receives any.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by JD Groon, seconded by Secretary Kavchok to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Name, Title