

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2023 - 7:00PM**

The East Amwell Township Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Marnie Stetson.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Chair Stetson:

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY A NOTICE SENT TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE TOWNSHIP ON MARCH 16th, 2023, AND POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

ROLL CALL (*P=Present, C= Canceled, A= Absent, X= unavailable*)

Committee Member Name, Title (Term Expiration Date)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	1	1
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Marnie Stetson, Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Bob Lurie, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Alison Kavchok, Secretary	P	P	P	P	P	A					
Jenna Bloom, TC Liaison (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	A					
Erica Johanson (12/31/2025)	P	P	P	A	A	P					
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	A	P	A	P					
Jamal Kadri (12/31/2025)	P	P	A	P	P	A					

Ozgur Tunceli (Alt I) (12/31/ 2024)	A	P	P	P	A	P					
Leo Rommel (Alt II) (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	A					

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion - May meeting minutes

Approval of May minutes was postponed because there was not a quorum present.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

No members of the public were present.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

There was no special discussion scheduled for this month.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

SJ Grant-The final report for the Sustainable Jersey grant has been submitted.

NJ Community Tree Recovery–The final report for the State Community forest tree give away has been submitted.

Subcommittee Reports:

Native Plants Subcommittee: Marnie Stetson reported on the work of Alison Kavchok and Jamal Kadri to research solutions for the mugwort infestation in the Clawson Park rain garden and their plan to mow and monitor.

Events & Outreach Subcommittee: Erica Johanson suggested we table at the Sourlands Festival. Marnie Stetson reported that the gardening workshop with Roots, Blooms, and Yards will be rescheduled for the fall.

Equity Advisory Subcommittee: No update.

Climate Change Subcommittee: Bob Lurie updated the Commission on his meeting with Old York Vineyards and their potential interest in hosting the C-Change discussion. He plans to follow up with the manager and will report back next month

Sustainable Jersey Review Subcommittee: Marnie Stetson updated the Commission on the current status of our efforts. We have potentially accumulated 100, out of the 150 necessary points for Bronze certification. We will be unable to apply for certification this year, but hopefully in the fall we can identify areas to work on. She invited members looking for ways to get involved to visit the site and find an area that we could work with the Township to complete a given action item. Erica Johanson is going to look at the Wildlife Interaction Plan.

Bob Lurie plans to look at the work done by the EDF intern, Dan Wilkins, to see if there are more energy initiatives that we could undertake.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Marnie Stetson reported that the Planning Board passed the Master Plan Reexamination Report. She also reported that the next meeting will involve electing a new Chair of the Planning Board, and possibly prioritizing work outlined in the Master Plan Reexam report. She suggested members of the Commission might want to weigh in on what they believe would be high priority items.

Parks & Recreation - no update

FOSPC - Erica reported that there was no new information to report.

Township Committee Liaison - no update

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Motion - Open to the public

Motion - Close to the public

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers to present.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is in the shared drive and is disseminated prior to each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

JD Groon moved to close the meeting and Bob Lurie seconded it.

Marnie Stetson, Chair