

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
July 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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	P				
Bob Lurie, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Alison Kavchok, Secretary	P	P	P	P	P	A	P				
Jenna Bloom, TC Liaison (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	A	P				
Erica Johanson (12/31/2025)	P	P	P	A	A	P	P				
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	A	P	A	P	A				
Jamal Kadri (12/31/2025)	P	P	A	P	P	A	A				

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

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

**→ Motion – May & June meeting minutes**

A motion to approve both May and June meeting minutes was moved by Vice Chair Lurie and seconded by Member Groon. All in favor.

**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**

**C-Change:** It was determined that there would not be enough public interest for this event; therefore, it has been tabled.

**Tree Planting in the Sourlands:** Representatives from the Commission will scope out township owned properties and provide the Conservancy of GPS coordinates. The next step is to request of the Township Committee formal approval to allow tree planting.

**Clawson Park Rain Garden and Basin Remediation:** Secretary Kavchok will coordinate with Member Kadri regarding the mow schedule and possible tarping of the basin.

**Events Update:** Secretary Kavchok had minimal updates re: summer events for the Commission. It had been difficult to pin down acceptable times.

In September, there is the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Cleanup with the Commission will sponsor the Prallsville Location again. Juanita Hummel and Secretary Kavchok will connect on a date and time for the Rainbow Hill cleanup, which will take place in late October. There will also be the annual Clawson Park Fall Cleanup with the School which the Commission would combine with Rain Garden mowing.

**Proposed Events:** A goods/clothing “SWAP”, Compost talk/demo, guided hike with Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation on Twp. Land. Secretary Kavchok is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> installment of the newsletter which will be combined with Parks and Recreation and be universal to the Township, not just Commission.

**Master Plan Thoughts:** There were no additional comments regarding the Master Plan from the Commission.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Native Plants Subcommittee:** Member Johnason will contact Hopewell Boro homeowners re: a tour of their garden for September.

**Events & Outreach Subcommittee:** See above Events update from Secretary Kavchok.

**Equity Advisory Subcommittee:** No update.

**Climate Change Subcommittee:** See above update under unfinished business from Vice Chair Lurie

**Sustainable Jersey Review Subcommittee:** Members are asked to continue to explore Sustainable Jersey and ways to get involved; please visit the Sustainable Jersey site and find an area that we could work with the Township to complete a given action item.

Pending: Member Johanson is going to look at the Wildlife Interaction Plan, and Vice Chair 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**

Secretary Kavchok will look in to having a school liaison in the new school year.

## **ORAL REPORTS**

**Planning Board:** No pertinent update.

**Parks & Recreation:** Friday Night in the Park – August 18<sup>th</sup>, and Somerset Patriots tickets are available for July and August – and, are almost sold out! The August Friday Night in the Park event will feature Township Farmers.

**FOSPC:** The Farmland Preservation application is completed.

**Township Committee Liaison:** no update.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no members of the public present.

## **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**

### **→ Motion – Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the July East Amwell Environmental Commission/Green Team meeting was made by Vice Chair Lurie and seconded by Member Rommel. All in favor.

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Alison Kavchok, Secretary