

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION MEETING
JULY 25th, 2022 MINUTES - 7:30PM**

The East Amwell Township Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Secretary Kavchok.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Secretary Kavchok: **“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Annual Meeting Notice as published in the February 3, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of the agenda was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin board & township website.”**

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

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Committee Member, Title (Term Expires)											
Marnie Stetson, Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	C	P	P				
James Edwards, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	A	P	P	C	A	P				
Alison Kavchok, Secretary (12/31/2022)	P	P	P	P	C	P	P				
Mark Castellano, TC Liaison (12/31/2022)	P	P	P	A	C	P	A				
Erica Johanson (12/31/2022)	P	A	P	P	C	P	P				
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P	C	P	P				
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	C	P	A				
Lyndsey Manzo (12/31 /2024)	X	P	P	P	C	A	P				
Acting Clerk	X	X	X	X	C	X	X				

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Secretary Kavchok advised that there were two revisions to the agenda. One was removing the Sustainable Jersey fellow update from under VII. (a) as it would be covered under the Special Discussion and 2. removing VIII. (c) as it was repeated.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion to open to the public was made by Vice Chair Edwards and seconded by Member Johanson. All were in favor.

Members of the public present were:

- Dan Wilkins, Sustainable Jersey fellow

SPECIAL DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

Dan Wilkins, East Amwell's Sustainable Jersey fellow, provided an update on his work with East Amwell.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 27th, 2022 minutes was made by Secretary Kavchok and seconded by Vice Chair Edwards. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

- **Charging Station Funding Update:** JCP&L have introduced their make ready program. Dan Wilkins has been assisting the Commission with contacting the BPU in order to obtain the grant agreement and funding, as well as a breakdown of what East Amwell will be responsible for, post-grant.
- **Commission Events Update:** Secretary Kavchok and Member Johanson provided an update on the Garden Tour which took place earlier in July at Member Johanson's home.
- **Monarch Pledge Status:** Secretary Kavchok inquired as to the status of the Monarch Pledge initiative; it is ongoing between members Johanson and Manzo, and will be revisited after the summer. Other ideas were discussed regarding education and outreach initiatives from the Xerces Society

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to date.

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised that the senior housing proposal and hearings will take place at a later date.

Parks & Recreation - Secretary Kavchok provided an update on the intended usage of the \$5,000 grant awarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Member Johanson provided an update on the first Friday Night in the Park, where the Native Plant Society of NJ were present. There was interest in tending to the rain garden by the playground. Possible education and outreach initiatives were proposed in order to do so.

FOSPC - There was no update from FOSPC.

Township Committee Liaison - Mayor Castellano was not present and therefore there was no update from the Township Committee.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Member Johanson and seconded by Chair Edwards. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chair Edwards and seconded by Member Groon. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Name, Title