

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION MEETING
AUGUST 22nd, 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*)

Committee Member, Title (Term Expires)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
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Marnie Stetson, Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P				
James Edwards, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	A	P	P	C	A	P	P				
Alison Kavchok, Secretary (12/31/2022)	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P				
Mark Castellano, TC Liaison (12/31/2022)	P	P	P	A	C	P	A	P				
Erica Johanson (12/31/2022)	P	A	P	P	C	P	P	P				
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P				
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	C	P	A	P				
Lyndsey Manzo (12/31 /2024)	X	P	P	P	C	A	P	P				
Acting Clerk	X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no revisions to the agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the July 25th, 2022 minutes was made by Vice Chair Edwards and seconded by Member Groon. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

- **Sustainable Jersey:** Chair Stetson provided an overall update on the Commission's Sustainable Jersey status. Bronze certification is 150 points. We have only completed 55 points, but we have started initiatives that could surpass this. The Commission has until May to submit these points.
 - Secretary Kavchok will review the Green Fair initiative and other community education and outreach initiatives to ensure we have sufficient points and that everything is submitted appropriately.
- **Climate Corp Fellow:** Dan Wilkins has completed his tenure with East Amwell. Mr. Wilkins needed 3 electric bills and Safe in Hunterdon documents from the Township.
 - Secretary Kavchok will speak with Clerk Giliberti on the location of these documents.
 - Secretary Kavchok will follow up with Annemarie Silvia on the status of the 159 fund so that the Commission can move forward with their tree planting initiative which would be funded by their \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey grant.
- **EV Station:** The Commission is in the process of determining next steps for the install of a DCFC fast charger. East Amwell will be responsible for \$37,000 out of pocket after the grant is satisfied, and have until June 2023 to utilize said grant. Mayor Castellano advised we will have to wait until January 2023 to see if the Township has money to allocate for the project.
- **Commission Events:** The Commission will participate in the annual Delaware River Cleanup on September 17th. This is a clean-communities funded event and will go toward the 3rd of our 4 Amwell Lake grant-funded cleanups. A request to have members of the community join the commission to represent East Amwell will be made via facebook and by email.

NEW BUSINESS

- **EAT School Clawson Park cleanup addition:** Secretary Kavchok inquired as to interest in adding a community rain garden cleanup (weeding, lesson on maintenance and planting natives with NJ Native Plant Society members on hand) to the September 18th EATS Clawson Park cleanup. All were in favor and Secretary Kavchok will send a signup out to residents. Member Manzo reminded Secretary Kavchok to announce the cleanup at the September 16th Friday Night in the Park so that families from EATS are aware.
- **Sustainable Living Presentation:** Chair Stetson's neighbor installed a geothermal unit at their home.

- Chair Stetson will speak with her neighbor (Sue) about providing information on sustainable living, perhaps as a special discussion at our next meeting, or as a standalone event sponsored by the Commission.
- **Monarch Pledge:** There is no update on the monarch pledge initiative, however the Commission will assist the school on their sustainability initiatives (Environmental Club, Terracycle, park cleanups).
 - Secretary Kavchok and Member Manzo will follow up with EATS Environmental Club on their needs and assist with any Sustainable Jersey Schools setup.

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised that the Land Use Element has been passed. The next item on the agenda is the re-examination of the Master Plan starting with the EA Agriculture district. The senior housing review starts in September with multiple experts and will last 2 more meetings. The Master Plan review will be discussed from 6-7pm at the next meeting. There will not be a public session.

Parks & Recreation - Secretary Kavchok provided an update on events at the park. The next events are the last September 16th Friday Night in the Park and the Chili/Bake Cook off/Harvest Fest on October 2nd.

FOSPC - Member Johanson advised that the farmland preservation plan is currently under review.

Township Committee Liaison - Mayor Castellano did not provide an update as the last meeting was relatively short. The next meeting will be September 8th.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

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 Stetson and seconded by member Groom. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Name, Title