

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 28th, 2023 - 7:00PM**

The East Amwell Township Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Secretary Kavchok.

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

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	P	P			
Bob Lurie, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Alison Kavchok, Secretary	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P			
Jenna Bloom, TC Liaison (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A			
Erica Johanson (12/31/2025)	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A			
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	A			
Jamal Kadri (12/31/2025)	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A			

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

REVIEW OF AGENDA

A request to cancel the September meeting in light of the Jewish holidays was discussed and approved. A sunshine notice will be sent accordingly by Secretary Kavchok to the Democrat, CC'ing Clerk Giliberti.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

→ Motion – July Minutes

The motion to approve the July, 2023 minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

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

Tree Planting in the Sourlands: Representatives from the Commission walked township owned properties and provided GSP coordinates of said properties to the Sourland Conservancy. The next step is to bring a tree planting itinerary to the Township Committee re: tree planting for formal discussion, review and approval in September.

Clawson Park Rain Garden and Basin Remediation: Secretary Kavchok advised member Kadri of a mow schedule for the basin and will advise DPW and Liaison Dendis of such plans. The estimated time frame for this project is 2 years. A full plan of this is on the shared drive.

Events Update: There are multiple events planned by the Environmental Commission for September including a foraging walk which is in line with our Sustainability Series with

1. Wildspawn Mushrooms on September 15th at 5pm, and
2. The 6th Annual Delaware River Cleanup, on September 16th of which the Environmental Commission is sponsoring the Prallsville Location again.

Secretary Kavchok created the 4th installment of the “East Amwell Events and Education” Newsletter which, upon review by Mayor Bloom, will be sent out via email. The commission have been advised of dates and times of events.

Juanita Hummel and Secretary Kavchok will connect on a date and time for the Rainbow Hill cleanup, which will take place in late October.

Energy Audit: Vice Chair Lurie is reviewing East Amwell municipal building’s energy usage and the BPU audit.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Kavchok contacted the DOT re: installation of pollinator habitats at the jughandles for 202 and Wertsville and 202 and Old York Roads. Install will take place in the Spring of '24.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Native Plants Subcommittee: No update on the proposed garden tour in Hopewell for September.

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

Equity Advisory Subcommittee: Tabled.

Climate Change Subcommittee: Tabled.

Sustainable Jersey Review Subcommittee: No update from Member Johanson regarding looking at the Wildlife Interaction Plan, and Vice Chair Lurie is still reviewing the work done by the EDF intern, Dan Wilkins, to see if there are more energy initiatives that we could undertake (see above – Energy Audit).

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board: The planning board is reviewing the warehouse and dark skies ordinances.

Parks & Recreation: The last Friday Night in the Park is September 15th and will have a small far market again as well as more exciting activities. See the website for a list of upcoming events as we head in to the fall and holiday season.

FOSPC: No update.

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 Chair Steston and seconded by Member Groon. All in favor.

Alison Kavchok, Secretary