

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
September 23, 2019**

Call to Order, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” notice is hereby given that the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission has scheduled their Business Meeting for September 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat March 21, 2019. Copies of the agenda were sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the Township bulletin board, where it has remained continuously posted as required under Statute. A copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:

Present

Joe Angelone, James Edwards, Patsy Wang-Iverson and Frances Gavigan- Chair.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

January 2019 Minutes

Due to the lack of quorum to approve the January 2019 reorganization minutes, a member of the Commission who was absent from the meeting must listen to the recording and sign a consent form in order for the minutes to be approved. Ms. Parsons went to great lengths to download and convert the recordings for the Commission so Mr. Angelone could listen to the recordings and he has yet to do so. If no quorum is obtained, the minutes will stay as a draft document.

May 20, 2019 Minutes

Motion made by Joe Angelone, seconded by Ms. Wang-Iverson to approve the May 20, 2019 minutes was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS- There were no vouchers for approval.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA- Chair Gavigan added Parliamentary Procedures under Executive Session and the legal right of Commission Members to go on someone's property to #13 New Business.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Motion made by Mr. Angelone, seconded by Ms. Wang-Iverson to open to the public was unanimously approved.

Seeing no members of the public, motion by Mr. Angelone, seconded by Ms. Wang-Iverson to close to the public was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Special presentation by East Amwell Clean Communities Program has been moved to the next regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Note, there was no Resolution to enter into Executive Session. Motion made by Mr. Angelone, seconded by Ms. Wang-Iverson, was carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session.

Executive Session took place from 7:42 p.m. until 7:52 p.m.

REPORTS

Financial Update- No information provided. Chair Gavigan stated she is not provided with any reports.

Committee Liaison Reports- None

AG Advisory- None

Planning Board- Chair Gavigan noted the hearing on the Non-Conforming Use Certification for Bolt Properties has been continued to the October 9th meeting. Chair Gavigan met with Mr. Baldorossi for an EC site review and Mr. Baldorossi explained to her about what is being done on the property. There was additional discussions regarding the septic, trees and other items that are on the property.

Mr. Angelone asked if the Township reported potential violations to NJDEP and what the procedures were. There was discussion between Mr. Angelone and Ms. Parsons regarding impervious coverage and millings on the property.

Chair Gavigan noted the majority of Mr. Angelone's questions are for NJDEP, specifically pertaining to Stony Brook.

Mr. Angelone also has concerns regarding the large pile of soil, mainly regarding the source of where it was obtained and what it contains.

Ms. Wang-Iverson will inquire with the Board of Health to see if Mr. Baldorossi is under review for a septic.

Township Committee- No report.

Recycling- Ms. Wang-Iverson noted the Grange is currently doing the TREX recycling and collecting towards their goal of 500 pounds. The TREX program is approaching 2500 pounds. South County Library may be interested in the next collection.

FOSPC- Ms. Wang-Iverson stated NJCF was awarded \$250,000 from the 1772 Foundation, for the Wertsville Industries Preservation Property.

There was discussion amongst the Commission regarding the property and the way it is being maintained and who is responsible for maintaining the trails and property.

Sub Committee Reports

Public Outreach- Ms. Wang-Iverson will send the VIP articles to all members to review prior to submission. All members were in favor and unanimously approved.

Mr. Angelone discussed the conservation article and his reasoning for not continuing the conservation easement project.

Ms. Wang-Iverson informed the members the Clerk's Office and Library are hosting a box for the collection of Shagbark Hickory nuts for the New Jersey Department of Forestry.

Site Review- Covered under Planning Board section.

ERI/NRI- No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EC Annual Report- Chair Gavigan stated she is having trouble receiving emails from others. Ms. Wang-Iverson will be sending her correspondence to Chair Gavigan again for the fifth time.

Committee Liaison Positions- Ms. Wang-Iverson has taken Recycling, FOSPC and Ag Advisory and Mr. Edwards has Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Wang-Iverson noted the rain gardens are all weeds. Ms. Wang-Iverson stated Princeton Hydro asked for volunteers to weed and this was conducted in June and due to the amount of work, it was not finished. Ms. Wang-Iverson sent a message to Princeton Hydro regarding the weeds and was informed the plants have stopped flowering. Per Ms. Wang-Iverson, Princeton Hydro is not responsible for maintaining the rain gardens. This was part of an Eagle Scout project that had no follow up. Ms. Wang-Iverson wanted to inquire to see if Parks and Recreation will assume responsibility for this issue.

EC Membership- Ms. Wang-Iverson noted she contact Mayor Wolfe and he stated he would be working on the EC membership in the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals 2019 and Beyond- It was decided to table this to the October meeting.

ANJEC Municipal Leadership Award- No discussion.

ANJEC Environmental Congress- No discussion.

Property Visits- Per Chair Gavigan this was handled under the site review topic.

CORRESPONDENCE- There was discussion regarding bioswales.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- There were no members of the public present.

NEXT MEETING- Correction was made to the date noted on the agenda. Next meeting is October 28, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion made by Mr. Angelone, seconded by Ms. Wang-Iverson was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm.