



**HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7:00 pm**

Haddon Township Environmental and Historical Education Center  
143 E. Ormond Avenue  
Haddon Township, NJ 08107

Quorum was declared at 7:08 pm.

**FLAG SALUTE**

- Commission Chair Maggi Liebe requested that all who choose to stand for the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:09 pm**

**CONFIRMATION OF SUNSHINE LAW**

- M. Liebe announced that Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires adequate notice of this meeting be provided specifying time, place and agenda. This was done by placing the meeting date and time on the Township calendar with notice of the meeting mailed to the Courier-Post and Retrospect newspapers, and by posting the agenda on two bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and on the Haddon Township website (<http://www.haddontwp.com>).

**ROLL CALL**

Nick Boonin	Present
Maggi Downham	Present
Marlene Finizio	Present
Maggi Liebe	Present
Erin MacMinn	Absent (excused)
Christopher Martin	Present
Christopher Squazzo	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2017**

- Motion to approve – M. Liebe
  - Seconded – M. Downham, with unanimous consent

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - OLD/NEW BUSINESS – ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

- **Comcast Cares Day** has been confirmed for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 by a company representative. M. Finizio suggested that 2018 efforts for the day should be directed to Saddler's Woods.
- **ECOpen House** – The first annual ECOpen House had an attendance of approximately 35, which was considered by Kate Burns to be very good turnout for the inaugural instance of an annual event.

- **Environmental and Historical Center Grounds Enhancements**

- M. Liebe stated that Environmental Center grounds would be cleared of poison ivy by the time of next year's outdoor activities. M. Finizio stated that grounds enhancements should be initialized through work on the potting shed. M. Liebe stated that potting shed installation requires only that the area be properly graded prior to DPW's shed install, as logs from the area had been removed.
- M. Downham inquired whether Gwenne Baile could plant corn or similar vegetation behind the Center (similar to that planted by Becky at Van Sciver Elementary School). M. Liebe responded with the intention of researching the possibility.
- M. Downham inquired regarding the delay in obtaining aluminum siding for the Environmental Center. M. Liebe responded that money for siding had been allocated in the DPW budget, but that cleanup of an oil spill at the DPW garage consumed the balance of the allocation.
- M. Liebe anticipates installation of parking lot signage imminently. M. Liebe stated that HT Solicitor had reviewed the signage prospect, and determined that signage was appropriate to alleviate parking issue at the Center.
- HT Commission approved E. MacMinn's suggestion of authoring letter indicating community service for tax deduction purposes in return for any pro bono and inkind work by landscapers. Letter on HT letterhead that certifies hours of service will be provided on completion of work.

## AREA DISCUSSIONS

- **Executive Committee**

- M. Liebe stated her desire to prepare an annual report and presentation to Mayor Teague and Commissioners by the November 21<sup>st</sup> Commissioners' Caucus meeting. M. Finizio stated that the report could be based on the templates developed in prior years' reports / presentations. M. Finizio requested photos from the EOpen House and HT Block Party events for 2017 for report inclusion. M. Liebe stated that, as no report/presentation was given in 2016, this year's presentation would cover both of 2016 and 2017.
- C. Squazzo stated that, in regards to Edison Woods, a sanitary sewer sedimentation tank was never removed as promised. M. Liebe responded that HT Engineer Greg Fusco had mentioned the tank in a recent report. C. Squazzo stated that if Jim Stevenson of DPW removes the upper "V" walls of the vat and backfills/flattens the platform, the hazard would be reduced. C. Squazzo continued that if DPW is limited to 1 or 2 projects on behalf on the Environmental Commission per year, sedimentation tank removal should be it.
- M. Liebe stated that a filing of paper work and Holiday party should be scheduled for November 2017.
- M. Liebe stated that HT Environmental Commission bylaws would be updated "for the 21<sup>st</sup> century" starting in January 2018, with updates concerning telecommuting/remote meeting attendance, digital postings of EC documentation, etc.

- **Grants**

- November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 cleanup would be devoted to Lees Lane woods.
- M. Finizio suggested researching the William Penn Foundation as a 2018 grant source.

- **Education/Community Outreach**

- C. Martin presented MS Excel spreadsheet and chart showing HT Environmental Commission and Green Haddon garnering lowest per capita participation of 6 surrounding Camden County communities, with data collected from e-mail distribution lists, attendance of neighbor meetings, and website statistics.
- M. Finizio suggested the installation of an attractive wood sign similar to that of Saddler's Woods along the Newton Lake path directly below Environmental Center. M. Liebe stated that a motion for signage has been made, and suggested that regular hours of volunteer staffing at EC be established to

- assist in utilizing otherwise dormant Center. N. Boonin will research whether signage funding can be procured from William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation.
- M. Liebe stated that a priority of 2018 would be to establish HT Health Council with Trish Hearsy from Bettewood section under the EC umbrella, which would require 3 members. Health Council imperatives would include safe trail maintenance, bike and walking trails, and healthy living. M. Finizio inquired whether any similar groups in Camden County exist. M. Liebe replied that many exist in Camden County, and that the County recently received awards from the state for many healthy initiatives that are now being funneled out to towns within. M. Downham suggested that fitness stations be installed along Newton Lake trails, similarly to other area parks.
  - M. Liebe stated that Dennis from the Ritz Theatre offered to partner in sponsorship of shows to increase EC visibility.
- **Planning Board Permits and Master Plan**
    - M. Downham stated that the Saddler's Woods outfall pipe was discussed at a recent Planning and Zoning Board meeting. M. Downham stated that HT has plans for remediation at some point along the pipe, likely at Paul VI High School and Commissioner Mulroy requested the exact cost of relocating the outfall. M. Liebe requested an EC review of any such plans. C. Squazzo stated that prospective outfall pipe remediation plans were at one time developed at an anticipated cost of \$80K, but that work was abandoned when projected cost skyrocketed to \$200K. C. Squazzo stated that permits for the original work were nearly submitted, and offered to apply for the permit himself in-house. C. Squazzo estimated that costs and fees will have probably increased versus the original plans, but that engineering costs would likely remain the same.
    - M. Downham stated that a resident requests permission to install a whole-house generator and 100 lb propane tank.
    - M. Downham stated that Treno requested 10' fencing for grassy area adjacent to restaurant surrounded by arborvitae, in contrast to prior statements that expressed unlikelihood of seating people in area.
    - M. Finizio and M. Downham may perform a work session-type review of Target site plans for Westmont Plaza that would be absent of approvals.
  - **Land Conservation and Open Space Projects – No new business.**
  - **Stormwater**
    - C. Squazzo stated that an illegal stormwater outflow in Edison Woods needs to be addressed. M. Liebe stated that, if available, copies of the current HT stormwater management plan need to be provided to both Greg Fusco and Jim Stevenson.
  - **Newton Creek Watershed Association – No new business.**
  - **Saddler's Woods Management – Reference attachment from Janet Goehner-Jacobs.**
  - **Sustainability / Green Haddon**
    - C. Martin stated that Green Haddon is looking to collaborate extensively with Oaklyn Green Team in the future, per discussions during the EOpen House. Green Haddon membership will attend Oaklyn Green Team meetings in the coming months to discuss partnership.

#### **PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS**

- M. Finizio suggested that an HT scavenger hunt be coordinated that requires participants to visit all Township parks to collect items. Fred Stine has indicated desire to conduct a similar effort using GPS/geocaching (similar to Pokémon Go, but less obnoxious and dangerous) and expanding search to include local restaurants (La Guadalupana) and other HT landmarks.

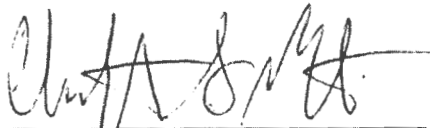
**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn – M. Finizio – 8:25 pm
  - Seconded – N. Boonin, with unanimous consent

Next meeting (work session) scheduled for Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:00 pm, 143 E. Ormond Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08107.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00 pm, 143 E. Ormond Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08107.

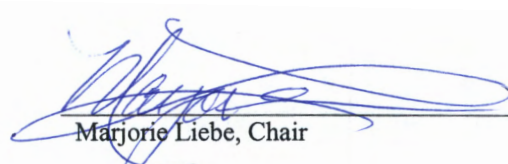
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Christopher Martin, Secretary

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Marjorie Liebe, Chair