



**HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 8th, 2018, 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 – 7:06 pm

CONFIRMATION OF SUNSHINE LAW

- C. Martin 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	Absent (excused)
Maggi Downham	Present
Marlene Finizio	Absent (excused)
Maggi Liebe	Present
Erin MacMinn	Absent (excused)
Christopher Martin	Present
Patrick Mulroy	Absent (excused)
Kevin Randall	Present
Christopher Squazzo	Absent (excused)
Robert Wittmann	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2018

- Motion to approve – C. Martin
 - Seconded – K. Randall, with unanimous consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS - OLD/NEW BUSINESS – ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

- **Edison Elementary School Summer Recreation Program** – Stephanie Cunningham has requested HTEC assistance with environment-centric activities for Tuesday 07/24/2018 and Thursday 07/26/2018.

AREA DISCUSSIONS

- **Executive Committee** – M. Liebe, M. Finizio, and Bill Panagotopoulos of Comcast will meet at the Environmental Center on Monday 03/12/2018 at 6:30 pm to discuss Comcast Cares Day efforts.
- **Grants:**
 - The first mini-grant trash cleanup of 2018 will be conducted on Saturday 03/17/2018 in Edison Woods, at the end of Locust Ave. The Edison Elementary School PTA will be the participating group.
 - The second mini-grant trash cleanup of 2018 will be conducted on Saturday 04/21/2018 along the trails behind the Environmental Center and extending to Lees Lane. Jennings Elementary School PTA will be the participating group. The HT Green Event and Comcast Cares Day will also be held on Saturday 04/21/2018.
- **Education/Community Outreach** – No new business.
- **Planning Board Permits and Master Plan** – No new business.
- **Land Conservation and Open Space Projects:**
 - M. Liebe stated that HT Engineer Greg Fusco would like to retrieve GIS data from EC laptops for HT streets (for tracking of open space inventory and shade trees) so he can add sewer line, water line, and easement data metrics.
 - M. Downham suggested that HT develop a town-wide champion tree inventory, and that points be assigned for each tree in observance of Arbor Day (Friday 04/27/2018). M. Liebe affirmed her support of this concept.
- **Stormwater** – A subcommittee of Environmental Commissioners and HT citizen Cara Czeiner met on Saturday 02/10/2018 to discuss the prospective rehabilitation of PSE&G No Name Dam 137 across Newton Creek in the West Collingswood section, located south of Marshall Ave and adjacent to a large substation. Notes from the meeting were reviewed and accompany minutes.
- **Newton Creek Watershed Association:**
 - M. Liebe stated that a Newton Creek crossover bridge for Rt. 130 / Crescent Blvd. had been designated for reconstruction in the near-future. M. Liebe believed the northernmost of two Rt. 130 crossovers of Newton Creek (adjacent to the Walt Whitman Bridge offramp) would be the subject of the rehabilitation effort but was ultimately uncertain.
 - C. Squazzo suggested to M. Liebe that littoral zones within Newton Lake be preserved throughout upcoming dredge, to allow dragonfly larvae to nest.
 - The Newton Lake Dredge Task Force, led by Collingswood resident Lorraine Prince, continues to meet periodically to discuss
- **Saddler's Woods Management** – No new business.
- **Sustainability and Green Haddon:**
 - C. Martin continues to actively collaborate with Oaklyn Green Team and hopes to obtain permission to share space with them at EC Green Event table.
 - C. Martin stated that heirloom lettuce and tomato plant seedlings will be distributed at Green Event for nominal donation and/or contact list signup.
 - C. Martin stated that he will be volunteering at the composter table for the Collingswood Green Festival on Saturday 04/28/2018, and that he now attends in Sustainable Collingswood meetings regularly.
 - C. Martin stated that the first 2018 meeting of Green Haddon will be scheduled shortly, and that he is pursuing a TriCounty Sustainability Alliance “Sustainable South Jersey Meetup” event for the EC in 2018.

PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS


- R. Wittmann suggested that EC research availability of book entitled Pavements in the Garden: The Suburbanization of Southern New Jersey, Adjacent to the City of Philadelphia, 1769 to the Present, by Ann Marie T. Cammarota and published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press. R. Wittmann stated that he believed it to be out of print, and with an asking price of approximately \$600 on Amazon.com. R. Wittmann was not supportive of expending such a significant sum for the publication.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn – K Randall – 8:10 pm
 - Seconded – R Wittmann with unanimous consent

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 16th, 2018, 7:00 pm, 143 E. Ormond Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08107.

March 8, 2018



Christopher Martin, Secretary

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Marjorie Liebe, Chair