



**HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday March 20, 2019, 7 pm**

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

Quorum was declared at 7:15 pm.

**FLAG SALUTE**

- Commission Chair, M. Liebe led in the salute to the flag.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:16 pm**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** 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 mailing annual notice of the meeting 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:**

Marjorie Liebe	Present
Marlene Finizio	Absent (excused)
Marguerite Downham	Present
Nicholas Boonin	Absent (excused)
Erin MacMinn	Absent (excused)
Christopher Martin	Present
Christopher Squazzo	Remote reporting
Kevin Randall	Present

Present – members of the public: Robert Wittmann

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from January 15, 2019 Environmental Commission Meeting – K. Randall motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Seconded by C. Martin and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

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

- **Minutes:** M. Liebe reports that minutes need to be posted online on the Haddon Township website.

**AREA DISCUSSIONS**

- **Executive Committee:**
  - **Budget:** Township Budget will be introduced at forthcoming Haddon Township Governing Body meeting. Expenditures as to date: \$500 annual ANJEC dues. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for ANJEC, all webinars online are being offered free to activity members.
  - No new business

- **Community Outreach:**
  - **2019 Haddon Township “Go Green” Event:**
    - M. Liebe stated that this year’s event would be held on Saturday 04/27/2019 in the Westmont PATCO station parking lot, similar to the 2018 event.
    - M. Liebe and C. Martin and C. Squazzo will be representing HTEC and Shade Tree at the event.
  - **Comcast Cares Day** May 4, 2019. All hands are needed. M. Finizio, CCD coordinator unavailable for update on progress report. Meeting with Comcast representative has been scheduled for Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.
  - **Family Fun Night at the Square:** Thursday, June 13, 2019. Will be co-sponsored by the Environmental Commission – M. Liebe requested a meeting with interested members to discuss educational information and activities for family fun night. An invitation to have SWCA and HT Historical Society will be sent.
- **Open Space Clean-ups:**
  - **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019- Edison School/Woods** – Clean Community mini-grant group: Edison Elementary School PTA.  
HTEC lead: C. Squazzo with the assistant from volunteer, Robert Wittmann
  - **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 -Location: TBA-** Clean Community mini-grant group: HTHS Baseball Team
    - **Discussion** M. Downham suggested along the gully from Crystal Lake and behind the Van Sciver parking lot area adjacent to Tennis Club playing courts.
- **Grants** – Comcast: M. Finizio, CCD coordinator unavailable for report.
  - **ANJEC grant application due 4/4/2019:** K. Randall will look into one for the Mediation Garden at the e-Center
- **Environmental and Historical Center:**
  - **Clean-up date:** March 16, 2019- EC members present: M. Liebe, K. Randall and M Downham
    - Cleaned and inventoried the shed.
    - Moved stone to finish the base for the potting shed.
  - **Gardens:** March 17<sup>th</sup> –Brick pavers advertised on the HT Neighbor Association FB page by Sarah MacLean Mervien. M Downham confirmed the donation from Ms. MacLean and coordinator pickup by HTEC members. M. Downham, M. Liebe, and K. Randall pick-up, moved and installed donated brick paver in front of the tool/equipment shed and trash areas.
    - PJ Mulroy will flag the trees behind the center so brush can be cut and debris removed.
  - **Programs:** Discussion about bringing in speakers to use the center for meetings. Suggestions about creating a brochure about the center to give to schools and civic groups to increase usage.
- **Planning Board Permits and Master Plan** –
  - C. Squazzo was given the landscaping plans for the 816 Black Horse Pike Project to review. He is to give his comments to Greg Fusco
  - M. Downham reported several instances of residents putting up fences without permits.

- **Land Conservation and Open Space Projects:**
  - **Crystal Lake Pond:** Signed released needed from residents to cross property for Truxor
- **Stormwater** – No new business.
- **Newton Creek Watershed Association** – Lorraine is scheduling meetings for streambank stabilization
- **Saddler’s Woods Management** – Ongoing flow testing at outfall pipe. Spring Clean-up May 18, 2019.
- **Sustainability and Green Haddon** – Subcommittee members with be attending the Tri County Alliance Program and report at next meeting.

**PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS**

- No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn – K. Randall 8:30 pm
  - Seconded – M. Downham, with unanimous consent

No regular meeting in the month of April, 2019. Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 15, 2019, 7:00 pm, 143 E. Ormond Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08107.

March 20, 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Marguerite Downham, Secretary

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Marjorie Liebe, Chair