



**HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 16th, 2019, 7:00 pm**

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

Quorum was declared at 7:01 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 mailing 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

Nick Boonin	Absent (excused)
Maggi Downham	Present
Marlene Finizio	Present
Magi Liebe	Present
Erin MacMinn	Present
Christopher Martin	Present
Kevin Randall	Absent (excused)
Christopher Squazzo	Present (7:21)
Robert Wittmann	Absent (excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 2018

- Motion to approve – M. Downham
 - Seconded – E. MacMinn, with majority consent

RE-ORGANIZATION

- For 2019, M. Liebe has again been appointed as Chair, C. Martin has been appointed as Vice Chair, and M. Downham has been appointed as Secretary of HTEC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - OLD/NEW BUSINESS – ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

- **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 both volunteered to staff the HTEC table, and C. Squazzo stated that he intended to staff the HT Shade Tree Commission table.
 - M. Downham inquired whether Janet Goehner-Jacobs would be permitted to sell native plants at the event. M. Liebe and C. Squazzo stated that this would likely be permitted due to an abundance of vendors.

AREA DISCUSSIONS

- **Executive Committee** – No new business.
- **Clean Communities - Clean-up:**
 - **MLK Day – January 21st – Cooper River Park:**
 - Fred Stine will lead the annual cleanup along Cooper River, and requested to borrow supplies from the EC shed. C. Martin plans to attend and will coordinate handoff of supplies.
 - C. Squazzo stated that exceedingly low temperatures are forecast and that turnout may be affected.
 - M. Liebe stated that a cleanup will also be held at the Center on MLK Day, organizing files and program material among other tasks. Attendees will be rewarded with pizza.
 - M. Liebe stated that the March 2019 cleanup is scheduled for Edison Woods and will be hosted by R. Wittmann.
 - M. Finizio stated that the contact from the cancelled November 2018 cleanup has open season on planned 2019 cleanups for her group’s rescheduling.
 - M. Liebe initiated a discussion on Comcast Care Day events, which tentatively include installation of the native plants shed (anticipated to have been relocated to Center by then), tree planting, K. Randall’s arch bridge concept, and C. Martin’s downspout planter concept.
 - M. Liebe stated that a compost pile will be started adjacent to the native plants shed, and M. Downham suggested that initiating a pile be included in planned Comcast Cares Day efforts.
 - M. Downham stated that Sal from Nova Tree Service is the only person in the area whom she believes to scale and trim dead trees, should we desire to remove such trees from the Center property.
- **Grants** – No new business.
- **Education/Community Outreach** – No new business.
- **Planning Board Permits and Master Plan** – M. Downham referenced Application 18-59 for the subdivision and redevelopment of a nonconforming lot at 101 Emerald Ave. M. Downham stated that both she and HT Engineer Greg Fusco spoke in objection to the proposal for reasons concerning stormwater mitigation / impervious surface coverage and similar considerations. The application was unanimously rejected following their comments.
- **Land Conservation and Open Space Projects:**
 - M. Liebe stated that topsoil needs to be added and levelled near the prospective side meditation garden.
 - M. Liebe stated that fencing has been purposed for installation along east side of Center property following the conclusion of surveying.

- **Stormwater** – No new business.
- **Newton Creek Watershed Association** – No new business.
- **Saddler’s Woods Management** - No new business.
- **Sustainability and Green Haddon** – No new business.

PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS

- No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn – M. Finizio 9:00 pm
 - Seconded – M. Downham, with unanimous consent

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 20th, 2019, 7:00 pm, 143 E. Ormond Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08107.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Christopher Martin, Secretary

Marjorie Liebe, Chair