**Haddon Township Environmental Commission**

**Minutes: February 20, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**:

**FLAG SALUTE**:

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**:  Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires that adequate notice of this meeting be provided.  Meeting notices have been transmitted to the Retrospect Newspaper and posted on the bulletin boards in the municipal building.

**ROLL CALL**:

Present: Magi Liebe, Kevin Randall, Maggi Downham, Chris Martin

Excused: Erin McMinn, Chris Squazzo, Nick Boonin, Renee P. Marlene Finizio

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:**Old Business, New Business

**MEETING MINUTES**:

January 16, 2020 meeting minutes

M. Liebe. motioned to approve the minutes from January 16, 2020, seconded by K. Randall and hearing none opposed, motion was carried

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Renee Papaneri, was appointed by Haddon Township Resolution 2020-12 as an alternate member
* Gwenne Baile has stepped down as Chicken Advisory Chairperson
* CCMUA Andy Kricun retired. A new contact person for CCMUA Newton Creek Project will be announced at a later date.
* M Downham was able to acquire the final consent form signature needed for the Crystal Lake Truxor project.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION = REVIEW of REPORTS:**

* ***Executive Committee*** –
* *ANJEC dues paid*
* *By-Laws*  (attachment) ANJEC has no problem with allowing telephonic attendance at meetings. M Downham will research and provide sample ordinance language to add telephone attendance at meetings for members who cannot attend. We will vote on it at the next meeting in March.

C. Martin made a motion to correct the by-laws to reflect the needed changes, second by K. Randall and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. 1st reading of the by-laws will be on March 19, 2020

* ***Education/ Community Outreach***

* *M Downham stated a complaint was received in regards to abandoned shopping carts being left in Haddon Township’s Open Space areas. A member of the Environmental Commission will research possible ordinance in neighboring towns to see if something already exists with proposed language to present to Mayor Teague in regards to the issue of shopping cart being the personal property of stores and the stores responsible to handle the disposal of abandon carts found on township property.*
* *Next meeting is March 19, next clean-up is March 14 for the vegetation and debris cleanup. M. Liebe will request a dump truck for the 14th -a Facebook announcement with date and times for volunteers will be placed on the EC Facebook page. As well as contacting the local boy and girl scout troops to see if merit badge community services hours are needed for any of the troop members.*
* *Markers\_ define Native Plants and garden beds M. Downham suggested using ACS Press for corrugated plastic with metal legs and sign lettering can be cut for EC members hobby ‘Cricut’ machine.*

* *Public information forum – display boards*

1. *Native Flora and Fauna*
2. *Open Space & Parks*
3. *Stormwater*

* ***Grants***
* *Grants: Only the Comcast Grant and the volunteers stuff went out.*
* *TREX Bench: M. Liebe stated the local Target contact is checking to see if the plastic bags can be dropped-off in Westmont or if the bags will need to be taken to the Cherry Hill Target.*

* ***Land Conservation***
  + Township property inventory and priority list*: status- no report given at this time.*

* ***Planning Board Permits and Master Plan***
  + *Planning Board permits – review of environmental concerns with submitted plans*
  + *Monday night (24th) is work session for major subdivision on Graisbury Avenue.*

**ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATION’S REPORTS:**

* Newton Creek Watershed Task Force - restoration*along Newton Lake: C. Martin is on the newly formed committee. He will report on meetings.*
* Saddler’s Woods Conservation Association (SWCA); M. Downham reported the SWCA Winter Strike Force cleanup held on February 15 was COLD and well attended. Upcoming events are listed:
  + ***Saturday, April 4, 2020 – SWCA – Spring Clean-up***
  + ***Saturday, October 24, 2020 -   Carved Pumpkin & SWCA Tours***
* Sustainability/Green Committee: Will need to check with R. Papaneri to see if she will be taking the lead on Sustainable/Green Committee.
* **PUBLIC COMMENT**: No public present

**ADJOURNMENT:** K. Randall motioned to adjourn, seconded by M. Downham and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned 7:39 PM.