



**HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday May 15, 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:** M. Downham 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	Present
Marguerite Downham	Present
Nicholas Boonin	Absent (excused)
Erin MacMinn	Present
Christopher Martin	Present
Christopher Squazzo	Absent (excused)
Kevin Randall	Absent (excused)
Renee Fishman?	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

- **Membership:** Chair M. Liebe reports that there will be a couple of opening on the board this year and will reach out to Steven Balough about his announced desire to join. Renee Papaneri is also on the list to join.
- **By-Laws Update:** We need to add to the by-laws meeting attendance by digital media/video conference calling for members working remotely or conducting field assessments. M Liebe will confirm with Township solicitor if conference call attendance is acceptable. Equipment to support conference voice/video conferencing is need. The EHC at one time had a machine for this purpose. M. Liebe will inquire if the machine was donated to the center and stored in the SWCA office. The remote conference machine belonged to Past Chair, Peter Kroll. If the machine was not donated the treasurer, K. Randall will look into cost of purchasing new. Commission C. Martin made the motion to adopted changes to By-Laws on contingents of approval of Township solicitor, second by Commissioner M. Finizio, hearing non opposed, motion was carried.

## AREA DISCUSSIONS

- **Executive Committee:**
  - **Budget:** Township Budgeted EC with \$2,000. Still waiting for Squazzo to get quotes for Lees Lane signs.
  
- **Community Outreach:**
  - **2019 Haddon Township “Go Green” Event:**
    - M. Liebe stated that this year’s event went well.
    - HTEC and Shade Tree at the event.
  
  - **Comcast Cares Day** May 4, 2019. Fabulous event! – Volunteers helped paint the exterior and repaired trim work of the Environmental & Historical Center. Other areas and project: Lees Lane Woods, mulching trails and removed invasive plants. Landscaping around Haddon Township Branch of Camden County Library system on MacArthur Blvd with planting seasonal flowers and mulching. Comments for Mayor Teague that the Environmental Center – “looked great”  
M. Liebe has requested DPW to add Environmental & Historical Center to their regular schedule maintenance for upkeep of building exterior and grass cutting around the building only not the gardens. and upkeep building exterior.
  
  - **Family Fun Night at the Square:** Thursday, June 13, 2019, was rescheduled due to weather. Being held June 27. Garden State Discovery will be there at 6 pm. HTEC will do crafts with the kids and other activities
  
- **Open Space Clean-ups:**
  - E MacMinn scheduled to do one with Jennings PTA? TBA?
  
- **Grants –**
  - M. Downham would like to reprint the “Fun Map” as we are all out of copies. Should distribute them at the new apartment complexes in town to encourage outdoor use. Will get quotes from ExpressIt
  - HT Environmental Commission would like to enter into a 6 month challenge to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags / plastic film wrap to win a Trex bench for the Environmental & Historical Center- With the help from our residents and municipal staff we believe this goal is achievable. One of the drop off locations will be the Environmental Center on Saturdays from 10 am – 12 pm.
  - For this to work each organization (group) would help volunteer at the center on a rotation schedule. Looking for at least 2 persons each week.
  
- **Planning Board Permits and Master Plan –**
  - **Mr. Scott** from Key Engineers will distribute the Master Plan for review  
C. Martin recommends the location of an EV charging station somewhere on Haddon Avenue
  - Renee asked if we could eliminate single use plastic bags
  
- **Land Conservation and Open Space Projects:**
  - **Crystal Lake Pond:** Signed release obtained from Dunn Family. Still waiting on adjoining landowner.
  
- **Stormwater –** A public forum was held in Voorhees.

- **Newton Creek Watershed Association** – Lorraine Prince is scheduling information meetings for streambank stabilization
- **Saddler’s Woods Management** – Ongoing flow testing at outfall pipe. Spring Clean-up May 18, 2019, was held. Very well attended. A fall clean-up has been scheduled but after that, all events on hold pending the stream stabilization project.
- **Sustainability and Green Haddon** –
- **PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS**
- No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn – M. Downham 8:51 pm
  - Seconded – M. Finizio with unanimous consent

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Marguerite Downham, Secretary

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Marjorie Liebe, Chair