

EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2 Jake Garzio Drive

Ewing, NJ 08628

December 18, 2012 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER-OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

Chair Lee Farnham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He began by reading the following statement:

"The notice requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. The Ewing Township Council properly gave notice of this meeting in the resolution of January 4, 2012, which was filed with the Clerk and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, and then appeared in the *Trenton Times* and the *Trentonian*."

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Pete Boughton
Lee Farnham
John Hoegl
Joe Mirabella
Hal Moeller
Jo-Ann Povia,
Arti Sahni
Joe Schmeltz

III. MINUTES:

October and November Minutes: The minutes October and November were approved by the members. Hal Moeller made a motion to approve the minutes, which was approved unanimously.

IV. STATEMENTS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Jade Greene, Watershed Ambassador and Tom McKeon from AmeriCorps were present during this meeting.

V. PRESENTATION TO PETE BOUGHTON: The Mayor presented a Green Award to Pete on behalf of the Township and the Ewing Environmental Commission, for his outstanding dedication while serving on the Environmental Commission. The Green Award, designed and printed by Ann Farnham, featured our new logo and signatures of all Environmental Commission members.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Planning Board and Site Review – Hal Moeller

All members received notes from Hal regarding the Site Review meeting, copies of which are attached.

B. Ewing Green Team and Sustainable Jersey: John Hoegl

John Hoegl reported that the Green team is working with Bonner Students on the Sustainability Projects. The Energy Efficiency sub-committee, led by Mark Wetherbee, has made reports and recommendations to the administration to enhance energy efficient management. The Green Team is looking for thirteen volunteers to join the Green Team at the end of the year. The website that is maintained by them is linked to the township website.

C. Trails –Pete Boughton

Pete reported on the current status of the trail clean-up progress. No clean-up was scheduled for December. Pete is maintaining contact with Pete Burley, Ewing High School Key Club Advisor

and Cynthia Hutchinson, Ewing High School Robotics Advisor. The pictures of the previous clean-up have been posted on the Green Team website.

D. Website: Arti Sahni

Arti reported that the matter of the website is currently in limbo. Tom Kull has offered to begin developing our webpage and also to come to one of our meeting to explain the scope of information and interaction we can have via the township website. An account for the Environmental Commission was started on Google and all members were given the opportunity to test it out prior to the meeting. Two documents have also been saved on this common account. The aspect of transparency and electronic filing of documents is being explored in conjunction with the website project.

Lee distributed two handouts related to the use of e-mails and briefly introduced SOS, an alternative to Google that is used by various organizations for emails and tracking volunteer hours.

E. Tree of the month update: Joe Schmeltz

Joe proposed the following selections: a Japonica on Bull Run Road for the month of January, Norway Spruce with female cones for the month of February, Atlas Blue Cedar for March.

Jo-Ann made a motion to accept all three nominations for the respective months, which was approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Non-Profit Status: Hal Moeller

Hal distributed samples of certification of incorporation for the members to understand the process of creating a non-profit organization.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence this month.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8.06 P.M. Pete Boughton made a motion to adjourn the December meeting, which was approved unanimously.

Lee Farnham, Chair

Arti Sahni, Secretary.

These minutes approved on _____

ATTACHMENTS:

Site Review meeting notes of December 12, 2012.
Planning Board Agenda for December 6, 2012
Award presented to Pete Boughton
Sample "Certification of Incorporation" distributed by Hal Moeller
Best Practices for using emails- Distributed by Lee Farnham
9th Water monitoring Summit