

EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2 Jake Garzio Drive

Ewing, NJ 08628

October 16, 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 Sahn

EXCUSED:

Joe Schmeltz

ABSENT:

Barbara Treacy.

III. MINUTES:

August Minutes: The minutes of the month of September were approved by the members. Hal Moeller made a motion to approve the minutes, which was approved unanimously.

IV. STATEMENTS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

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.

Reviews and notes on the preliminary direction of the Master plan were due by October 24, 2012.

B. Ewing Green Team and Sustainable Jersey: John Hoegl

John reported on the successful organization and participation at Comfest on October 6, 2012.

The students will be working to help Ewing achieve "Sustainable Jersey" certification.

Awards of the Energy IQ quiz will be announced soon. They will be two categories- above 15 years of age and below 15 years of age.

Joe also reported on his efforts to get the township and school district involved in energy saving activities.

C. Trails –Pete Boughton

Pete reported on the tentative schedules for the next clean-up at the two trails with the students from Ewing High School.

Lee discussed the budget of the trail development and the grant the township has for this project. Discussions with Bill Brash on the estimated amount of soil that will have to be moved and the cost of developing the trail ----- is being processed

Pete repainted the block at the entrance of the Johnson Trolley Trail and proposed possible projects for the improvement of the trail. Clean-up of the trails with students of Ewing High School will be scheduled for November. The trail grant that was awarded to the township has to be used within three years. Pete and Lee will explore the possibility of Shared services with other townships in order to facilitate the development of the trail.

D. Website: Arti Sahni

Arti reported on the efforts to have the correct Ewing Environment Commission information displayed on the township website. We are also requesting the inclusion of our logo and a summary of all our current projects with pictures as well as an archive of our minutes and essential links being displayed at this site.

E. Tree of the month update: Lee Farnham

Lee reported on behalf of Joe on the Tree of the Month. The tree nominated for the month of September is Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboretum*). The article on it with a picture was published in the local newspaper.

For November a Larch on the Mountain View golf course has been nominated as the tree of the month.

F. New EEC logo: Joe Mirabella

Joe reported that we will have a banner with our new logo for the Comfest. He is planning to get T-shirts and other promotional items with our logo on it.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ANJEC ANNUAL MEETING** It is on October 20, 2012 in Edison, NJ. Joe Mirabella and Lee will be attending.
- B. NJ Shade Tree Fed Meeting:** Joe Schmeltz will be attending on behalf of the EEC, on October 26-27.
- C. SONJ DCA:** Lee reported that the Department of Community Affairs approved the funds for the exclusive use for EEC.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2013 Projects: Lee Farnham

Lee distributed a list of ten potential projects for 2013.

- B.** Pete Boughton announced his intention of leaving EEC at the end of this year.

- C. Town Centre at TCNJ:** Hal Moeller will be making a formal comment on the footprints of the disturbance that the town centre construction will casue on Ceder Lake.

- D.** Hal also reminded the EEC members that comments on the Master Plan review were due by October 25.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Communication from the RBA Group regarding Rt. 29 Permanent Bank Stabilization.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** 9.16 P.M. Pete made a motion to adjourn the September meeting, which was approved unanimously.

Lee Farnham, Chair

Arti Sahni, Secretary.

These minutes approved on _____

ATTACHMENTS : **Site Review meeting notes of September 26, 2012 and October 10, 2012.**
 Planning Board meeting for October 4, 2012