

EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2 Jake Garzio Drive

Ewing, NJ 08628

May 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER-OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

Chair Lee Farnham called the meeting to order at 7:22 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 on January 1, 2014 which was filed with the Clerk and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, and has been sent to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian newspapers."

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Dan Burke
Lee Farnham
Ann Farnham
John Hoegl
Joe Mirabella
Arti Sahn

EXCUSED

Jo Ann Povia

ABSENT:

Joe Schmeltz

III. There were no public comments

IV. MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: The motion for approval of the minutes for April 2014 was made by Dan Burke. It was passed unanimously.

V. STATEMENTS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Presentation on property along the north side of Jacobs Creek Rd:
Bud Etchells and Bob Salva gave a presentation related to a property along Jacob Creeks Road. A document of this presentation is attached. The presentation was related to block 437 lot 2.

2. Stream Monitoring:
Hal Moeller, former EEC member, attended the meeting to request a date to be scheduled in October for a presentation from the Stream Monitoring Task Force.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning board: Ann Farnham on behalf of JoAnn Povia

One application was discussed. Ann's notes are attached on this meeting.

Site review: Ann Farnham

Dan Burke and Ann Farnham attended this meeting as EEC representatives. Ann's notes are attached.

Green Team: John Hoegl

John reported that the Green Team's visioning project is underway. **June 7th is the kick-off** meeting for this project. They are also working on a new blog.

The energy project that will evaluate the energy efficiency of township businesses and residential properties- is on hold because of the budget. The new budget has to pass. Residential section of

this project is checking quote from two companies.

Johnson Trolley Trail: Lee Farnham

Lee is working on organizing a sign plaque for the trail. Purchasing the pack in cast aluminum was considered. Dan will provide an alternative for this since security is a concern. The budget is \$3000/- for signage and plaque.

Township Clean-up: This is a collaboration of the EEC with the Ewing High School Key Club students. We had a turnout of approximately 4-5 students with Mr. Burley and worked on the trail that runs behind the municipal complex. We also planned to check if we could get the students for a day during the summer to work on the Johnson Trolley trail.

Tree of the Month: Ann Farnham

Okame Cherry has been selected for the month of May. For June the tree selected is red Oak. We are looking for a suggestion for July.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. The EEC team is working to find replacement for the current vacancy that we have. Lee has reached out to some interested and potential residents of the township.
Lee is also looking for representation on Site Review as Jo Ann Povia cannot go to this. Dan and Ann talked about splitting up attendance at site review meetings, twice monthly.
2. **Annual Report:** Lee Farnham will be working to put this together along with JoAnn Povia.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lee needs a task force for invasive species. The potential date for this has to be scheduled.
2. EEC members need to sign up for ANJEC's Capitol Day on May 30th.
3. The EEC has decided to postpone the road show.
4. Lee gave a rundown about upcoming ANJEC events.

VIII. Correspondence: none

No correspondence for this month.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8.49 P.M. The business of the Commission being concluded Dan Burke made a motion to adjourn the March meeting, which was approved unanimously.

Lee Farnham, Chair

Arti Sahni, Secretary.

These minutes approved on _____

ATTACHMENTS: