

Environmental Commission Board Meeting – September 13, 2022

Call to Order by Chair

Open Public Meeting Notice read by Commission Lawyer

Pledge of Legion and Moment of Silence led by Chairwoman Seemuller

Roll Call taken by Commission Lawyer – See the table on page 2

Adoption of Minutes – July 12th, 2022 were adopted; see vote on page 2

Public Hearings: Application from Grey Park Briggs LLC for warehouse. Toni Sapio reviewed application & sent township engineer questions regarding the request for permission to build access road over wetlands. Professional meeting is Sept 20th.

Open Discussion:

1. Open Space – Resident Chris Whitty at 903 Larkspur Place attended the EC meeting and requested the township stop mowing open space areas and allow to convert back to wild habitat. Both Gina Cohl and Sandy Carleton favored this request. By allowing areas to become reforested helps with flooding, improves wildlife habitat and reduces cost from wasteful mowing.
 - a. This conversation brought up two other topics: becoming Tree City USA Members and the mowing down of trees planted on open space by volunteers. These plantings had the approval of Public Works but were still destroyed by the mowers.
2. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)
 - a. Toni submitted report to Meredith and Brandon. Report is complete. Submitted on 9/8/22
3. Environmental Commission Table Cloth – Ramesh provided additional drawings after receiving feedback from other EC members. EC voted on final drawing. Approved see voting on page 2
4. Top Golf Volunteers – came out to plant and cleanup area in Rancocas Woods prior to their dinner in the woods fundraiser.
 - a. Other opportunity was tree planting at community garden. Trees and cost were submitted to Public Works for approval
5. Voluntary Local Reviews for Mount Laurel Township
 - a. Mr. Singh will need to bring initiative to council for consideration
6. Mount Laurel Food Truck Event
 - a. Flyers for event – Managing Food Waste at Home Tool kit from Tri-County Sustainability and Natives in the landscape will be printed and given out day of event
7. Environmental Community Solar
 - a. Township passed new resolution for program
 - b. EC will help educate residents on program
 - c. Gina Cohl will reach out to Yvette at Solar Landscape

Meeting Adjourned – motion by Gina Cohl and 2nd by Sandra Carleton. All were in Favor.

Next Meeting is Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 7pm.

Environmental Commission Board Attendance

		Attendance	Absent
Chairwoman	Marinna Seemuller	x	
Member	Sandra Carleton	x	
Member	Gina Cohl	x	
Member	Bhupindar Singh	x	
Member – Planning Board Rep	Ramesh Venkatakrishnan	x	
Member Alt 1	Christopher Hughes		x
Member Alt 2	Mandy Skalski		x
Councilmember	Karen Cohen	x	
Township Rep	William Giegerich	x	
Professional	Toni Sapio	x	
Lawyer	Richard Briigliodoro	x	

Vote on Adopting Minutes from August

		Motion	AYE	NAY	Abstained	Absent
Chairwoman	Marinna Seemuller	x	x			
Member	Sandra Carleton		x			
Member	Gina Cohl	x	x			
Member	Bhupindar Singh		x			
Member – Planning Board Rep	Ramesh Venkatakrishnan		x			
Member Alt 1	Christopher Hughes					x
Member Alt 2	Mandy Skalski					x

Vote on EC table cloth

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Chairwoman	Marinna Seemuller	x	x			
Member	Sandra Carleton		x			
Member	Gina Cohl	x	x			
Member	Bhupindar Singh		x			
Member – Planning Board Rep	Ramesh Venkatakrishnan		x			
Township Rep	William Giegerich		x			
Member Alt 1	Christopher Hughes					x
Member Alt 2	Mandy Skalski					x