

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices
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Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meetings were advertised in the South Jersey Times on February 3, 2022, and The Daily Journal on February 4, 2022. A notice was also placed on the Hopewell Municipal Office bulletin board as of the same date. The meetings are in compliance with Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (The Sunshine Act).

Members present for the regular in-person monthly meeting: Marion Carll, Burt Doremus, Jane Hankins, Cheryl Lalancette, Jerry Lewis, Ken Strait, and Beth McClain. Mayor Paul Ritter also attended. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm, followed by a reading of the Public Meetings Act statement.

I. Election of Officers

B. Doremus made a motion to retain all officers from 2022. M. Carll seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. HTEC officers for 2023 are:

Jerry Lewis, Chair
Jane Hankins, Vice Chair
Beth McClain, secretary
Ken Strait, liaison to Land Use Board

II. Approval of Minutes

J. Lewis made a motion to approve the December 07, 2022 meeting minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded by J. Hankins and approved unanimously.

III. Land Use Board

K. Strait reported that there was a discussion of a major subdivision on Greenwich Road at the regular meeting on December 14. It was approved with deed restrictions. There were no environmental issues with the site plan.

At the special December meeting of the Land Use Board, there was a review of the modifications to the redevelopment plan for the Hopewell Township Business Park. Approval was given to proceed with modifications to include cold storage warehousing. Mayor Ritter also answered questions from commission members. The plan still needs to go through the approval process.

Mayor Ritter also announced that a member of the Land Use Board, Tom Tedesco, is willing to attend a meeting of the HTEC to discuss stormwater run-off.

IV. Old Business

CAWA-There was no CAWA meeting in December. A schedule for the year is being developed.

HTEC Newsletter-The newsletter was submitted, but not posted on the website for December. M. Carll will update and re-submit for Jan.

Pollinator Garden-J. Hankins, B. Doremus, and C. Lalancette reported that the cardboard and compost have been delivered to the site behind the Senior Center, which should be ready for planting in April. J. Hankins will provide a recap to the municipal clerk to post on Facebook.

HTEC Environmental Challenge-C. Lalancette provided copies of an email sent to the Hopewell Crest principal further explaining the program, and will update members when she receives a response.

Private Well Outreach Program-M. Carll reported that the program coordinators have prepared a slide presentation to present to the public. There was a discussion on how to encourage the public to attend the presentation of findings, using flyers, the township website, and Facebook. The April HTEC meeting was suggested for the presentation, and M. Carll will contact the coordinators.

Meeting Schedule-J. Lewis will email the schedule to HTEC members.

2023 Budget-The 2023 Budget was submitted to the Township Administrator. Items submitted in 2022 were ordered.

Barrett's Run Trail-Mayor Ritter suggested developing brochures for the Barrett's Run Trail, perhaps using a QR code. The official name of the area is Hopewell Park, and the trail name will be updated to Barrett's Run Trail at Hopewell Park. He reported that the picnic tables will need to be replaced at the Picnic Park, and that cars should park parallel to the fence for walk-in access. Further suggestions by commission members were to provide parking signs, tend to broken branches on trees, and provide a more attractive gate.

V. New Business

American Littoral Society- J. Lewis received an email concerning a Healthy Community Design Case Study. He will forward email to members and look for more details.

NJ Stormwater Regulations-J. Lewis will contact T. Tedesco about his schedule for attending an HTEC meeting.

VI. Miscellaneous Items

M. Carll sent information to members concerning the Warehouse Sprawl Webinar.

Information about the Rutgers Environmental Steward Class of 2023 was received from Al Fralinger.

Jane Galetto of CU Maurice River posted a blog about the Barrett's Run Trail at Hopewell Park. J. Hankins will send the article to the municipal clerk to be posted on the Facebook page.

The Township Administrator has renewed ANJEC membership for HTEC members.

Mayor Ritter thanked HTEC members for their work.

VII. Adjournment

J. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, and it was seconded by B. Doremus.

Submitted by Beth McClain, secretary

February 4, 2023