

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices
590 Shiloh Pike
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meetings were advertised in the South Jersey Times and The Daily Journal on February 14, 2023. 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: Jerry Lewis, Burt Doremus, Jane Hankins, Ken Strait, and Beth McClain. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, followed by a reading of the Public Meetings Act statement.

I. Approval of minutes

B. Doremus made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 13, 2023. It was seconded by J. Hankins and approved unanimously.

II. Land Use Board

K. Strait reported that there was a discussion at the September meeting concerning temporary housing for vendors at the Amish Market. No action was taken pending more information. A variance and revised site plan were approved to increase the gravel area behind the market and confirm other minor changes since the original site plan was approved. One item for the October meeting is the appeal of a variance for a property on River Road. The full agenda hasn't been released. None of the items have an impact on environmental issues.

III. Old Business

CAWA-B. Doremus provided members with a copy of a new brochure with a map of the Cohansey River area. It also contains the only map of all the trails in the Bridgeton City Park.

Hopewell Day Review-The flower seed giveaways were popular and all distributed in the morning. The Hopewell Challenge project was displayed, and instructions were distributed. One of the supports on the tent broke, but the township will be providing a new tent.

Pollinator Garden-J. Hankins is providing daffodil bulbs. She will be planting them soon with the Girl Scout Troop. The remainder of the planting will be done in the spring.

Environmental Resource Inventory Review-It was agreed that the original ERI document will not be changed, but an addendum or supplement will be created to update it. Members should review their sections and add numbers to the areas in need of change. Corresponding numbers should be written on a separate piece of paper with updated information. The changes will be reviewed at the November meeting, and the exact format will be discussed at that time.

IV. New Business

J. Lewis received an email from a graduate student at Stockton University concerning a project with the Delaware Bay. It was decided that the County Planning Department was the best agency to respond to the request.

It was noted that the next two meetings will be held on November 1 and December 6.

V. Adjournment

J. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by B. Doremus at 8:42 pm.

Submitted by Beth McClain, secretary
October 27, 2023