

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices
590 Shiloh Pike
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 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, Cheryl Lalancette, Marion Carll, and Beth McClain. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by a reading of the Public Meetings Act statement.

I. Approval of minutes

J. Lewis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2023. It was seconded by Burt Doremus and approved unanimously.

II. Land Use Board

J. Lewis reported that an application was submitted at the April meeting for a minor subdivision at a property on Shoemaker Lane to remove the existing lots and create three new larger lots. The application goes before the board at the May meeting.

III. Old Business

CAWA-B. Doremus reported that there will be a tour of the Overdevest Nursery on July 13.

Newsletter-The May edition of the newsletter was well-received by HTEC members.

Private Well Outreach Presentation Feedback-M. Carll sent a thank-you email to the presenters. The Township Clerk made copies of the presentation, which is available by request. Copies were also posted on the Facebook page and placed in folders for the Township Committee and Land Use Board members.

Piney Point Trail Brochure-J. Lewis will discuss printing options with K. Strait.

HTEC Environmental Challenge-C. Lalancette suggested using the materials at Hopewell Day in September. A better location for the HTEC booth may increase participation. No response has been received from Hopewell Crest School personnel concerning the project.

Pollinator Garden-J. Hankins, C. Lalancette, and B. McClain edged the garden and turned over the soil. J. Hankins expressed concern about soil conditions for planting this spring. J. Lewis will check the site and confer with her.

Hopewell Day-The scheduled date is September 23, 2023. HTEC members are encouraged to think about activities and displays of interest to the public.

Barrett's Run Trail Signage-One of the signs previously ordered was never installed, and J. Lewis will inquire about its location. There was discussion on the possibility of obtaining an engineer to plot a trail map.

ERI Assessment-It was suggested that the next meeting be devoted to reviewing the document.

Barrett's Run Park Native Grass Areas Maintenance- B. Doremus and J. Lewis met with the Littoral Society representative on site in April. The Society members will remove the fences and roll the wire, but leave the posts in place. The township workers will pick up the wire and dispose of it.

IV. New Business

M. Carll proposed having a joint meeting with the Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission to share ideas. It was suggested that this might be best scheduled in the fall, after Hopewell Day.

J. Lewis suggested using an enlarged copy of the Milkweed Family poster for the Hopewell Day display.

V. Adjournment

B. Doremus made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by B. McClain at 8:28 PM.

Submitted by Beth McClain, secretary
May 7, 2023