

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices
590 Shiloh Pike
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 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. Mayor Paul Ritter also attended. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 May 10, 2023. It was seconded by Marion Carll and approved unanimously.

II. Land Use Board

There was no report from April's meeting, but P. Ritter reported that the most significant ongoing item is the proposed cold storage facility for the business park.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

It was decided that members would examine the various sections of the Environmental Resource Inventory to see if any parts are outdated and in need of revision. Sections were assigned to each member to report on at the next meeting. B. Doremus expressed concern about the impact of sea level rise on the township and suggested including the topic in the ERI.

V. Miscellaneous Items

M. Carll reported that there are new pamphlets for the expanded water testing program. The new testing program will continue to test radium levels, but will also focus on water system failures and include a larger geographical area. P. Ritter suggested asking Cumberland Development Corporation and S. Jersey Water Conditioning to distribute pamphlets.

The latest newsletter is ready and will be sent to the township clerk tomorrow.

M. Carll received an email from a resident interested in having her Girl Scout troop involved with the pollinator garden. J. Hankins has met with the group for a seed-growing activity. B. McClain suggested using the Hopewell Challenge activity with this group.

The missing trail signs have been located. B. McClain will contact public works concerning placement. The Picnic Park will be renamed the Hankins Family Picnic Park and P. Ritter reported that new signs will be ordered for that area.

According to P. Ritter, the County Commissioners are planning studies for preparing maps of the county's parks. J. Lewis will follow up on this to see if it would be useful in securing a map of the Barrett's Run Park.

J. Lewis and J. Hankins visited the pollinator garden site and concluded that it would be best to cover the site with black plastic to reduce weeds. J. Hankins has the materials and will proceed. Planting is tentatively scheduled for the fall.

It was agreed to cancel the July HTEC meeting due to absences.

VI. Adjournment

M. Carll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42, and it was seconded by B. McClain.

Submitted by Beth McClain, secretary
August 4, 2023