

# HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices  
590 Shiloh Pike  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

## Meeting Minutes

August 9, 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, Cheryl Lalancette, 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 April 12, 2023. It was seconded by J. Hankins and approved unanimously.

### II. Land Use Board

P. Ritter reported that the plans for a cold storage facility are currently on hold due to issues with the DEP.

### III. Old Business

None

### IV. New Business

P. Ritter reported that the township is exploring funding for extending the sewer line to the Orchard Crest development, which would apply to all 60 lots. He stressed that this issue is still in the preliminary stages. B. Doremus made a motion to support the township in the exploration of this issue, citing that the development backs up to Barrett's Run, and the project could be in the interest of protecting the water. The motion was seconded by B. McClain and approved unanimously.

J. Lewis will contact the township clerk to put the county trail map of the Barrett's Run area on the county website, with the addition of the Sewall Road entrance. There are funds available for a trail map at the site.

B. McClain reported that two additional trail signs have been installed on the Barrett's Run trail, and an email was sent to thank the Public Works Department.

Hopewell Day-J. Lewis will contact the township clerk regarding the location for the HTEC booth.

J. Hankins will check to see if the table, canopy, and tent weights are in storage and coordinate with Public Works to deliver for Hopewell Day. J. Lewis will organize display items.

J. Lewis will mount a map of the Barrett's Run trails for display. J. Hankins will bring milkweed pods (if available) and pollinator flowers to promote the perennial garden.

B. Doremus and J. Hankins will arrive and set up at 8:00 am on Hopewell Day.  
B. McClain and C. Lalancette will arrive at 12:30 and stay until closing.

Environmental Resource Inventory- J. Hankins suggested that this document might be updated county-wide. J. Lewis will confer with the county planner on this suggestion. Concerns about the scientific items were discussed. P. Ritter suggested that these areas could be left alone and notated with the date they were written. B. McClain suggested that revisions could be presented as an addendum.

#### V. Adjournment

B. Doremus made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by J. Hankins at 8:03PM.

Submitted by Beth McClain, secretary  
September 9, 2023