

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices
590 Shiloh Pike
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 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, Cheryl Lalancette, and Beth McClain. Mayor Paul Ritter also attended. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, followed by a reading of the Public Meetings Act statement.

I. Approval of minutes

J. Hankins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2023. It was seconded by C. Lalancette and approved unanimously.

II. Land Use Board

K. Strait reported that use variance requests were submitted to the Board for July and August, but no environmental issues were involved. A review of the Master Plan is underway. The agenda for the September meeting is not yet available.

III. Old Business

CAWA-B. Doremus reported that a waterways clean-up is scheduled for September 30. A new brochure is being planned, including a map of the Bridgeton Park and access to waterways.

Hopewell Day-J. Lewis and J. Hankins met at the Municipal Building to gather needed supplies for Hopewell Day. J. Hankins will make posters for the pollinator garden and the natural areas in the township. J. Lewis will provide a new trail map for display. C. Lalancette will provide materials for the Hopewell Challenge and an announcement for the disc jockey to direct visitors to the HTEC booth. M. Carll designed a poster for display and posting on the township website. She will also serve at the booth in the afternoon.

Pollinator Garden-J. Hankins and C. Lalancette visited the site and put salt hay over the compost to prepare the soil for planting this fall.

Barrett's Run Park-J. Lewis will consult with the township administrator about the installation of the new trail sign and a possible designated parking area at the Mary Elmer end of the trail. He reported that the Littoral Society has taken down the wire fencing and the Public Works Department will remove it when time permits. He also discussed removing the invasive species in the meadow area with members of the Public Works department, and they are agreeable to the idea. A suggestion was made to talk to the fire chief about a possible controlled burn, as well as using township equipment to remove some growth. Mayor Ritter will

consult with the engineer about the possibility of adding a crosswalk between Kinkle Road and Mary Elmer Drive to provide a link to the Bridgeton Park system.

IV. New Business

Stormwater Regulations- Mayor Ritter reported that more stringent stormwater regulations now apply to Hopewell Township. The requirements and responsibilities of the township will be discussed at a later meeting.

VI. Miscellaneous

B. Doremus suggested that the HTEC updates for the ERI be limited to text only. C. Lalancette discussed superfund issues and history based on the topic in her assigned ERI sections. It was decided that each member bring copies of the assigned ERI sections to the next meeting. Annotations should be included for areas that need updating. The next meeting will focus primarily on the ERI.

VII. Adjournment

M. Carll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm, and it was seconded by J. Hankins.

Submitted by Beth McClain, secretary
October 7, 2023