

## Hopewell Township Environmental Commission

Hopewell Township Municipal Offices  
590 Shiloh Pike  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

### Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meetings were advertised in The Daily Journal on January 20, 2024 and the South Jersey Times on January 22, 2024. A notice was also placed in the Hopewell Municipal Office bulletin board of the same date. The meetings are in compliance with the Chapter 231 PL 1975 (The Sunshine Act.)

Members present for the regular in person monthly meeting: Jerry Lewis, Jane Hankins, Ken Strait, Beth McClain, Burt Doremus, Cheryl Lalancette. Absent: Marion Carll GUEST: Mayor Robin Freitag.

1. Call to order. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 7:07pm

2. Public Meeting Act. Compliance

3. Approval of minutes from meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Ken motioned to approve the minutes. Jane 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All present approved.

#### **4. Land use Board – Ken**

- Chair and Vice Chair are still the same. One new member is an alternate.
- One development application
- No Solicitor was present and therefore could not approve actions at this time.
- No environmental issues.
- General discussion of topic ensued

5. *Robin Freitag, Hopewell Twp. Mayor, assured HTEC that she and her committee would be of assistance regarding any issues that may arise.*

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS - DEVELOP A BUDGET**

- John Hitchner stated HTEC funding is straight forward
- Funds are available to cover the membership cost of ANJEC.
- Beth completed then sent the application on to John Hitchner
- Funds are available for a few public notices and a few classes.
- Funds have been allocated for a new sign.

**7. Committee members reviewed and finalized ERI revisions.** Ken compiled all the ERI sections for completion. All members took part in the ERI project and are very appreciative of Ken's hard work. The Committee approved the ERI update/supplement and recommended that it be forwarded to the LUB for review and adoption.

#### **8. Newsletter and other needs**

It has been noted that funds not used in the previous year are available and should be labeled as *general use* for paper, ink, colored ink etc.

**9. NEW BUSINESS.**

Funding was discussed among the members regarding proposed or estimated amounts in compliance with all members who were present. Items that were addressed are below.

**POLLINATOR GARDEN, ANJEC, FENCING, TRAIL MAINTENANCE.**

Jerry made a motion to approve the budget. Burt 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All present approved.

**10. Burt: STATEMENTS IN REFERENCE TO CAWA**

The process of planning the year is underway and has not been completed as of this time.

- 11. NEWSLETTER:** Jane made a suggestion that Marion be noted as **Editor** of the newsletter and asking that Marion add her name and EDITOR of the newsletter. Jane made the motion. Jerry seconded it. All members attending voted unanimously.

**12. Miscellaneous**

Robin Freitag suggested Public Works be contacted in regard to removing the invasive plants, and trees and to contact Ed Johnson. Robin has the contact number regarding this issue.

**13. OLD BUSINESS (overlooked)**

General printing fund has been raised for this year. Information signs may still be needed. HTEC may be eligible for grant money this year for the new park stated by Mayor Robin Freitag. Different matters are being worked out in regard to the Barrett's Run Trail.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding various topics on the subject.

**Adjournment:** 8:35pm. Burt made a motion to adjourn. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Members attending voted unanimously. **Next meeting:** March 6, 2024 submitted by Cheryl Lalancette- secretary