

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission Agenda

February 5th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission conducts its regular business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the municipal building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the monthly agendas are posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

STANDARD AGENDA

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	Call meeting to order and take roll call.	10 Min
Presentation of Minutes	Review and approval of January Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman, Ms. Petzinger and Mr. Collett who were not present at the January meeting.	10 Min
General Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJMAP - Blueprint 	15 Min
Newsletter	<p>Summer newsletter deadline is May 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified yet <p>Spring newsletter deadline February 1st. Articles submitted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter Cleanup (Maria Naccarato) • Well Testing (Kathy Koch) • Ash Trees/Emerald Ash Borer (Nancy Lawler) • Invasives/Bamboo (Nancy Lawler) <p>Backlog: Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides, Organic Methods, Invasive Species, Christian Crossroads Dam Removal/History</p>	5 Min
Correspondence	<p>Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. All correspondence when possible is scanned and stored digitally in a public access Google Drive folder at https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	0 Min
Focus Topics	<p>A select set of topics that require deeper discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Mill Road Property and Open Space Stewardship 	40 Min

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Reports	<p>Provide updates on the following standard topics below; any pre-submitted updates are included in Attachment 1.</p> <p><u>Program Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter Cleanup (Naccarato) • Well Testing (Koch) • LT Fall Fest (Duckworth) <p><u>Project Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJ Water Supply Property Agreement Refresh (Mickley) • Conservation Easement Assessment (Duckworth) <p><u>Parcel Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block 24, Lot 16 - Hickory Run Rd. DEP Preservation • Block 36, Lot 17 - Partial Preservation “Goracy Trail” • Block 35, Lot 88 - Preservation “Red Mill Road” • Block 10, Lot 41 - Hagedorn/Voorhees Link • Pt. Mountain/Teetertown Link <p><u>Administrative Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOSC Budget (Duckworth) • Planning Board (Duckworth) • Highlands Act (Duckworth) • Musconetcong Watershed Association (Henriksen) • Raritan Headwaters Association (Lawler) • Sustainable Jersey (Duckworth) 	10 Min

Attachment 1: Reports

Block 36, Lot 17 Partial Preservation “Goracy Trail”

As per Ms. Hardy on 05-Feb-2018, Mayor Schmidt & the Landowner Vi Giaquinto met with a local lawyer who has experience in land preservation on Friday, February 2, 2018, to discuss the Contract. We understand the lawyer will be acting on behalf of Vi, so he will forward any comments he has on the Contract to the Mayor for Township review & comment. Once the Contract terms are agreed upon by all parties, the contract will be signed by Vi and then the Township committee can commence with appointing a surveyor.

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ROLL CALL

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	X
Warren Newman	Member	No
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	No
Nancy Lawler	Member	X
Sharon Hardy	Member	X
Adam Mickley	Member	X
Kathy Koch	Alternate 1	X
Marty Collett	Alternate 2	X

MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p>Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM. In addition to EOSC members noted above, Mayor Schmidt and Committeeman Laul were in attendance.</p>	10 Min
Presentation of Minutes	<p>Review and approval of January Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman, Ms. Petzinger and Mr. Collett who were not present at the January meeting.</p> <p>Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Koch, seconded by Ms. Lawler and unanimously approved.</p>	10 Min
General Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJMAP – Blueprint <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth introduced “NJMAP Blueprint” to the team which was made aware to him by Mayor Schmidt prior to the meeting. It is a mapping tool that assists with the identification of preservation priorities. Ms. Petzinger said she had not seen this but that the State is doing something similar. It will be interesting to see how the state criteria for preservation prioritization align with Blueprint.</p> <p>Ms. Hardy stated that the location of the volunteer picnic is being reconsidered for this year and asked the team if their preference was for a picnic as in recent years or a more formal venue. After discussion, the team agreed a picnic in Memorial Park is preferable.</p>	15 Min

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Focus Topics	<p>A select set of topics that require deeper discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Mill Road Property and Open Space Stewardship <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth shared his vision for hosting a community cleanup day on the recently preserved Red Mill Road property and asked for input. The team agreed it would be a good idea. Dates in April were discussed and it was acknowledged that both RHA and MWA have their river cleanups on April 14th so that day should be avoided. Mr. Duckworth indicated he would not be available on April 7th and while that wouldn't prevent the team from hosting it on that day, someone else would need to be the primary point person for the event. The team agreed that April 21st is the best day with April 28th as a rain date. No team members had a conflict at this time with being present on April 21st.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth suggested a number of activities that they might target for the event, such as installing park signage, litter cleanup, trail development along the mill race and the river, bamboo removal and invasive species remediation. After discussion, it was suggested we generally focus on trail building and litter cleanup; other things can be done later. Ms. Lawler suggested having a Township historian present in case things were discovered that might have historical value.</p> <p>Mayor Schmidt asked about naming the park and Mr. Duckworth summarized the</p>	40 Min

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	<p>previous suggestions for the team: Red Mill Preserve, Spruce Run Preserve and Mill Race Preserve, with “Park” possibly replacing “Preserve” in any of those options. The team discussed the use of <i>park</i> versus <i>preserve</i> and brainstormed other options, such as <i>reserve</i>, <i>grove</i> and <i>hollow</i>. Ms. Petzinger looked up definitions of some of the options on her phone and shared them with the team. After discussion, the team aligned on a leading option – <i>Red Mill Race Preserve</i> – as it incorporates both the history of the mill and the fact that a key feature will be the old mill race converted to a trail. Mr. Duckworth said we will let this name simmer and then hold a vote at our next meeting.</p>	
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