

# Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission (EOSC)

## Agenda

Mar 7th, 2022

### CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission hosts its regular meetings on the first Monday of every month at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building. Notice of this new meeting time was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

### AGENDA

#### Kickoff & Roll Call

#### Presentation of Minutes

- EOSC Regular Meeting - February 2022

#### Old Business

- Forest stewardship planning (Lawler, Petzinger, Duckworth)
- Giaquinto preservation update (Hardy)
- Fisher parking area (Chen, Collett)
- Environmental Sustainability and Engineering Academy partnership (All)

#### New Business

- None

#### Correspondence

- None

#### Recent & Upcoming Events

- 31-Mar-2022 MWA Annual Meeting
- 16-Apr-2022 MWA Annual River Clean-up
- 07-May-2022 MWA Native Plant Sale

#### Open Comment

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## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.

Roll Call

<b>EOSC Member</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	Present
Sharon Petzinger	Member	Present
Warren Newman	Member	Regrets
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	Regrets
Nancy Lawler	Member	Regrets
Kathy Koch	Member	Present
Sharon Hardy	Member	Present
Mike Chen	Alternate 1	Present
Marty Collett	Alternate 2	Present

In addition to the following EOSC members noted above, Mayor Schmidt, Committeeman Laul and two representatives from the Hunterdon County Environmental Sustainability & Engineering Academy, Nina Weiland and Renee Stillwell, were present.

**February Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Duckworth introduced the February Meeting Minutes for review and approval. A motion was made by Ms. Koch, seconded by Ms. Hardy and unanimously approved with Mr. Chen and Mr. Collett abstaining.

**Giaquinto Preservation Update:** Ms. Hardy provided an update that closing on the Giaquinto property is expected within the next 10 days. Mr. Laul reminded everyone that we have the “No Trespassing” signs still to post along the boundary at some point after the closing.

**Forest Stewardship Planning:** Mr. Duckworth informed the Commission that he, Ms. Lawler and Ms. Petzinger attended the Township Committee meeting on 16-Feb-2022. The Township Committee unanimously endorsed the pursuit of an SOW and subsequent non-competitive grant for development of a Municipal Forest Stewardship Plan. EOSC has authority to select Forester and develop SOW to bring back to the Committee for review.

**Environmental Sustainability & Engineering Academy (ESEA):** Mr. Duckworth handed the floor over to ESEA student representative Nina Weiland. Nina explained that the Academy was planning host some Earth Day activities on the actual day of Earth Day or over spring break in general. They were thinking something at the ESC campus but were unsure if public would be allowed to participate due to COVID restrictions. Some ideas were discussed, but it was noted it would be difficult for EOSC members to participate due to work conflicts.

**Open Comment:** Mr. Duckworth stated the formal agenda was closed and opened it up to comment from EOSC members. Committeeman Laul noted that NJWSA was seeking a representative from the Township to participate on a committee to develop a Spruce Run Watershed Restoration Plan. Mr. Duckworth offered to be the representative but asked if anyone else was interested in representing the Township. There was no other interest. Mayor Schmidt asked Mr. Duckworth to send an email to stating that he would be representing the town and Township Committee could note it as correspondence.

Mr. Chen asked about the deer harvest count. The summary had not yet been received from the Police Chief. Mr. Chen asked about the timeline for making updates in preparation for the upcoming season. If the season starts in September, permits would be issued in August. There are likely no ordinance changes required so all that would be needed is an updated resolution. Introduction of the resolution should be targeted for Township Committee introduction in June. Mr. Duckworth said he would add it to the April agenda.

Ms. Petzinger asked about open space property naming. Mayor Schmidt stated that they are trying to manage the number of agenda items for each meeting and it will likely be on the agenda in April.

It was noted that the MWA and RHA River Clean-ups were coming up on 16-Apr-2022 and 23-Apr-2022, respectively.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Petzinger, seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.