

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission Agenda

January 15th, 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 December Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman, Ms. Petzinger and Ms. Lawler who were not present at the December meeting.	10 Min
General Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder – EOSC now first Monday (February 5th) • Well Testing Date (May 5th & 7th) • Red Mill Rd. Property Walk (pick a date) • Bee Bill • Has the OSRP been posted? 	15 Min
Newsletter	Spring newsletter deadline February 1 st . Articles to be submitted include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter Cleanup (Maria Naccarato) • Well Testing (Kathy Koch) Backlog: Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides, Organic Methods, Invasive Species, Christian Crossroads Dam Removal/History	5 Min
Correspondence	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 . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lebanon Township Resolution 19-2018 <i>Resolution Supporting Individual Rights and Affirming the Protection of those Rights</i> 	0 Min
Focus Topics	A select set of topics that require deeper discussion. <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 15-Jan-2018, Mayor Schmidt & she met with the Landowner Vi Giaquinto today & discussed scheduling a meeting with a local lawyer to review the Contract with her. She continues to support the project & agreed to meet with a local lawyer who has experience in real estate.

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ROLL CALL

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

MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and took roll call. Committeeman Laul, Mayor Schmidt and George Zack were also present.</p>	10 Min
Presentation of Minutes	<p>Review and approval of December Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman, Ms. Petzinger and Ms. Lawler who were not present at the December meeting.</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth asked if for comments on the Meeting Minutes from December. There were none. Mr. Henriksen motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.</p>	10 Min

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Newsletter	<p>Spring newsletter deadline February 1st. Articles to be submitted include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter Cleanup (Maria Naccarato) • Well Testing (Kathy Koch) <p>Backlog: Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides, Organic Methods, Invasive Species, Christian Crossroads Dam Removal/History</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth highlighted the articles on the docket for the spring newsletter. Ms. Koch said that the well testing article was submitted already. Ms. Hardy suggested an article on bamboo as an invasive species. Ms. Lawler stated we had a previous article on bamboo and suggested rerunning it. Ms. Lawler said that Ms. Hardy should email her.</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"> • Lebanon Township Resolution 19-2018 <i>Resolution Supporting Individual Rights and Affirming the Protection of those Rights</i> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth stated that he has received approved Resolution 19-2018 <i>Resolution Supporting Individual Rights and Affirming the Protection of those Rights</i>. He was asked by Karen Sandorse to pass out copies to the Commission members and did so. Mayor Schmidt indicated that it was going to all committees and employees.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth also said he received a communication from county parks inviting the Commission to participate in a County Earth Day Celebration. The team did not see a need to attend.</p>	0 Min
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	<p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth reminded the team of the property stewardship brainstorming activity they had done previously and thanked Mr. Collett for affinitizing the data. Mr. Duckworth shared the summary file on screen which contained stewardship categories that the team needs to consider, such as litter cleanup, deer management and invasive species, and the team had a discussion on each.</p> <p>Mr. Henriksen stated that he would like to spearhead the initial litter cleanup and bamboo removal. Mr. Duckworth asked about the neighboring “Hendra” property, which has a conservation easement on it. Mayor Schmidt said he believed there is a portion of that property where public access is allowed but he would have to find out more. A question was posed about trout stocking and it was stated that stocking is done upstream at the bridge by the blacksmith shop and downstream at the Spruce Run road bridge. Ms. Lawler stated it was an excellent fishing spot.</p> <p>Ms. Koch suggested that it could be a good water testing spot and would discuss it with RHA. Ms. Lawler added that we might need to help them find a volunteer and stated she wouldn’t mind helping them get that started. She also stated that it was likely any local Trout Unlimited chapter would be interested in helping us out with the property. Mr. Henriksen asked if we had the authority to deem that area catch and release? Ms. Lawler said we could ask.</p> <p>A conversation was held regarding the name of the property. Mr. Schmidt suggested Red Mill Park. It was suggested to have a community contest. Ms. Lawler said not a contest per se but to perhaps engage the community for ideas. A question was raised whether it should be Red Mill <i>Park</i> or Red Mill <i>Preserve</i>? Mr. Mickley supported “Park” as it sounded more inviting. Spruce Run Mill was also suggested. Ms. Koch said she was planning to go to the County Hall of Records and learn about the property’s history and that that might generate some more name options. Other suggestions were Spruce Run Mill Trail and Mill Race Park.</p>	

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