

**Readington Township
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023**

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hendrickson at 7:02 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

Members in Attendance

Neil Hendrickson - Chair
Robert Becker
Jeff Charney
Jerry Cook
Steve Foster
Jonathan Heller
Susan Masinda
Mario Orlandi
Cassandra Ward

Minutes

Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Foster seconded, to approve the minutes for March 7, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker

Jason Giroud gave a presentation on the 2022-2023 Deer Management program. Mr. Giroud provided the members a packet of information outlining the results of the most recent deer management program as well as some recommendations. These recommendations include additional signage, continuation of quiet hours and the addition of three (3) new properties to the deer management program. The majority of members agreed with these recommendations and will send a memo to the Township Committee informing them of the same.

LOI/Freshwater Wetlands

1. Application for GP 24 – B. 50 Lot 37.03 – 3 Springtown Road - **Noted**
2. ETI – Application for LOI Wetlands – B. 81 Lot 2 – 710 Route 202 - **Noted**

AOC (Areas of Concern)

None

Correspondence

1. **CTM Environmental- Potable Well Sampling - 547 Route 22 E**

The correspondence was noted and members discussed the desire to compile the data received from the DEP in a spreadsheet in order to keep track of any status or testing done.

New Business

1. **Schools Green Committee – Outdoor Classrooms (Grant)**

The Schools Green Committee is looking for wood for stools/chairs, tables, and walking path steps. The members will reach out to the community as well as DPW to find the suitable materials needed.

Other Business:

1. Adopt-A-Road

There was very little response to the article in the March edition of the Readington News. Due to all the activities scheduled for the Spring, this effort will be pursued for a Fall date.

2. ERI Update

The update is ongoing. Jay Kelly and Clark, Caton and Hintz, and Mr. Becker have provided Princeton Hydro their spatial data. Chair Hendrickson suggested that the wildlife management sub-committee decide how they want to present their sites and data soon so their information can be included.

3. Brownfield Sites Update

Mr. Becker reported his efforts to communicate with the DEP employees that have information regarding the contaminated sites in Readington Township. As stated above with the well sampling topic, compilation of this data is important and will be included in the Environmental Commission Annual Report.

4. Tree Seedling Giveaway

Scheduled for April 22, 2023. Chair Hendrickson asked for volunteers to help with the tagging on April 21, 2023 as well as the giveaway on the 22nd.

Mr. Heller reminded the members that if enough hickory nuts are collected, the state forest nursery will grow them for the township's future giveaways.

5. Environmental Commission Logo Update

Chair Hendrickson emailed Ms. Freeman at the Readington Middle School but has not yet received a response.

6. Recycling Contract Update

Mr. Heller stated that the bid needs to be sent out soon. The township is still exploring the option of the township taking on the responsibility of recycling.

Site Plan Review and Comment

1. Appl# ZB22 -017- Variances- single family dwelling Block 5 Lot 8- 16 Central Ave.
The members reviewed the plans and found nothing of concern.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Mr. Becker reported that there were 264,000 pounds of clothing collected at four (4) of the recycling bins located within the township. This information should be included in the tonnage reporting done by the DPW. This is another item that can be included in the annual report provided by the Environmental Commission.

Environmental Commission Meeting, continued
April 4, 2023

Adjournment

It was the consensus of the commission members to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Radziewicz
Advisory Boards Secretary