

**Township of Andover
Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Kolstad followed by roll call:

Present: Ben Bensley, Dolores Blackburn, Suzanne Howell, David Kolstad, Carla Kostelnik
and Eric Olsen

Chairman Kolstad led the flag salute and read the statement of compliance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Eric Olsen and seconded by Suzanne Howell and carried by a unanimous vote.

MINUTES: There were no minutes. Dolores Blackburn volunteered to keep the minutes for the Commission meetings.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Kolstad opened the meeting to the public. Ray Wexler was introduced and indicated an interest in becoming a member of the Commission. Seeing no other hands, Chairman Kolstad closed the public portion.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC Membership and Training. At a prior meeting, the Commission voted to rejoin ANJEC, a non-profit private consulting group for New Jersey Environmental Commissions. An ANJEC flyer, listing upcoming training seminars, was provided and discussed. Seminars are free to members, but pre-registration is required. Suzanne Howell, Carla Kostelnik and David Kolstad stated they were interested in attending a training seminar on March 17, 2018 in Roxbury.

Trail Maps. A trail map for Lake Iliff trail, highlighting Lake Iliff, Howell's Pond, railroad history and Hillside Park was discussed. David Kolstad offered to contact the Tech High School with Janis McGovern to determine if the school was still interested in creating a trail map and if yes, what information they needed from the Commission.

Old Creamery. Dolores Blackburn provided a status update on discussions with the Old Creamery property owner, Michael Bonner, and his professionals regarding the transfer of the property to the DEP Green Acres. Outstanding issues still remain as to unpaid taxes, DEP lien and contaminated site. A conference call is to be scheduled by Mr. Bonner's attorney with Richard Osborne, Green Acres Acquisition Program Team Leader, to confirm the DEP's interest in the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Space Responsibilities and Procedures Discussion. The Commission discussed the merger of the responsibilities of Open Space Committee into the Environmental Commission. Suzanne Howell and Carla Kostelnik provided information on recently completed Open Space projects and listed proposed projects including; supervising Eagle Scout project on Lake Iliff access (Dalton Hummel), building bocci ball and/or horse pits at Hillside Park, installing concrete chess/backgammon tables at Hillside Park, creating a walking/biking trail between Hillside Park and Goodale Park, and demolishing abandoned cabins in Hillside Park. Eric Olsen requested more specific guidance regarding the uses for Open Space Trust monies. Carla Kostelnik offered to gather Open Space documents, minutes and financial statements for the Commission. Chairman Kolstad questioned the voting status of the Committee liaison; the liaison to the Environmental Commission is not a voting member but the Committee liaison to the Open Space Committee was a voting member (only voting members are counted for a quorum). Dolores Blackburn offered to contact the Township attorney for clarification.

Budget. The 2018 budget for the Commission is \$500.

Limecrest Trail. Eric Olsen advised that work has begun on the rail trail extension from Hillside Park to Rt. 206 along Limecrest Road. He stated that Josh Osowski, Kittatinny Valley State Park (KVSP) Superintendent, contacted him asking if KVSP staff could partner with the Township on this trail project. Future plans for the KVSP would include looping the Limecrest Trail with KVSP trails. It was suggested that Josh Osowski should contact Darren Dickerson, Township DPW Supervisor. Eric Olsen offered to forward Darren Dickerson's contact information to Josh Osowski.

LAND USE UPDATE:

Suzanne Howell gave an update including the recent application amendment for Pace Glass for temporary outdoor storage while moving from their Jersey City facility to Andover. Dolores Blackburn stated that A&G Pizzeria (formerly Max's Station House) has applied to the DEP for a septic permit and has submitted a site plan application to the Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ray Wexler announced there will be a Blood Drive at the Lake Lenape Clubhouse on March 17, 2018 from 9 am to 2 pm.

OTHER MEETINGS:

The Land Use Board meets the first and third Tuesdays and Sustainable Andover meets the last Thursday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Carla Kostelnik, seconded by Eric Olsen and unanimously carried.