

Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

November 2, 2022 7 PM Meeting

Chairman Keady called the meeting to order. I call to order the November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Holland Township Environmental Commission. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Environmental Commission Secretary by:

1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building.
2. Publishing the notice in the December 9, 2021 edition of the Hunterdon County Democrat
3. And faxing to the Express-Times for informational purposes only.

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

All were reminded to turn off their cell phones or put them in silent mode.

Members Present: Regina Barna, Jerry Bowers, Mike Keady, Davina Lapczynski, Ray Note, Dwight Pederson, Committee Liaison Dan Bush and Land Use Administrator (LUA) Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Excused Absent: David Harrison, Township and Township Committee Alternate Liaison Thurgarland

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: A motion was made by Regina Barna and seconded by Mike Keady to approve the minutes of August 3, 2022, September 7, 2022 and October 5, 2022 as presented. All present were in favor of the motion.

Community Forestry Management Plan – Ray Note, David Harrison, and Secretary Kozak

These are the 2022 Community Forestry Management Plan goals to which we are committed:

- 1) Plant a tree for Arbor Day
- 2) Track hours and expenditures for the Community Forestry Program
- 3) Identify and label individual trees on township properties
- 4) Continue and improve outreach efforts at community events
- 5) Complete annual training requirements (8 Continuing Education Units, AKA CEUs)
- 6) If funding is available apply for a Township Seedling Giveaway
- 7) Submit 2 tree or forest related articles to local and regional newspapers and to the township website
- 8) Begin implementing the Riparian Planting Project
- 9) Apply for a CSIP grant to implement a Green Stormwater Management System
- 10) Complete a Forest Inventory if CSIP funding has been received (this must be here in error since we already did the inventory)
- 11) Apply for CSIP funding to remove invasive species on township owned land
- 12) Adopt the Model Highlands Shade Tree Ordinance

Tree Map update – LUA Kozak is working with Dwight Pederson. The Google account has been created.

Trees of Holland changes to the website. A redesign is in the works.

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Jerry Bowers, Davina Lapczynski and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak –

Nothing new to report.

Highlands Conformance – Jerry Bowers, Mike Keady and Dwight Pederson. –More information will follow as updates are available.

Community Education and Outreach – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Regina Barna –

The EC webpage is: <http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/bds-committees/environmental-commission>.

Everything will first go to someone on Community Education and Outreach for review and then to Secretary Kozak for distribution to the website or Facebook.

Guest Lecture Series is under Community Education and Outreach

Lecture Series –

Regina Barna discussed moving forward with the 2023 program. Discussion on advertising took place with Davina Lapczynski discussing the places we have used for publicity and the need to also make sure we return to the location to remove the flyer we post. Such places included: the library, the RRCC, the Dutch Mill Market, the Holland pharmacy, the Delta gas station on the hill, the Riegel Federal Credit Union, Milford, Facebook postings (township as well as private), the township website, the RRCC website, the senior organizations, the local radio station, Alexandria and the clerks association. We need to refine the list so we have a standard list. Davina Lapczynski will work with LUA Kozak in developing a standard list. The subcommittee will move forward with contacting speakers. The goal is one per quarter. Creating an email list from the sign in sheets was discussed.

Inventory of Fauna and Flora subcommittee - David Harrison, Dwight Pederson, Ray Note – David Harrison is working on a list of birds and trees etc.

Musconetcong River Management Council – Dwight Pederson

Nothing new to discuss.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Board Comment:

- O’sakame Park - O’sakame improvements
 - Mayor Bush and LUA Kozak are working on ordering 2 benches and a kiosk. When available, an update will follow.
- Street Light Solar Project – Davina Lapczynski is working with the Township Committee on exploring a solar street light project. The goal is to help reduce our electric bill and provide continued safety. More information to follow.
- Holland Happenings
 - The newsletter should be distributed to the township residents soon.

At 8:50 pm Mike Keady made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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