

Florence, New Jersey 08518  
June 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Florence Township Environmental Commission was held on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read: "I would like to announce that this meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been provided to the official newspapers and posted in the main hall of the Municipal Complex".

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were found to be present:

Kristan Marter, Council Representative	David Mudge
Paul A. Ordog, Jr.	John Pagano
Deepa Patel	Michelle Ryan-Krzykalski
Kelly Doyle (arrived after roll call)	David Yansick

ABSENT: Melanie Mieczkowski

#### RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

#### MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilwoman Marter, seconded by Mr. Ordog to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 05/05/22. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Commission's memo dated 5/20/22 to the Zoning Board regarding Florence Plaza, LLC
- B. Letter dated 5/18/22 from PSE&G regarding extension of Freshwater Wetlands permit

Motion was made by Chairman Mudge, seconded by Ms. Patel to receive and file Correspondence Items A & B.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sustainable Jersey Green Team

Chairman Mudge stated he has reviewed the draft Historic Plan Element in the proposed new Master Plan, which is anticipated to be adopted by the Planning Board in July. That item is worth 10 points once the Master Plan is adopted.

Councilwoman Marter stated that the trees were planted at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets in Roebing and the Shade Tree Commission is still working on a tree inventory. It's just a matter of getting something in writing from Ted Lovenduski, head of the Shade Tree Commission regarding these items. She is also involved with working with the website and making it more user friendly in order to reduce certain mailings to residents and cut down on paper usage.

Mr. Ordog stated he is working on the community garden item and has taken pictures. He is now in the process of working on a narrative review. He is also looking into our natural resource inventory, but has no new information regarding that item. Two other items he volunteered for are site plan reviews and safe ways to school.

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Ms. Patel mentioned she has updated the worksheet and we are about 40 – 50 points short of the goal.

Councilwoman Marter asked if the township has an emergency management plan already in place? Chairman Mudge mentioned he is the current team leader for the Florence Township and Burlington Township cert teams and will look into getting the information needing for that item.

Ms. Doyle is working on lead in drinking water, which is under health and wellness. There is also a category under diversity. Lead in drinking water is found in older homes and many people who are low income live in those older homes that have lead paint and/or old pipes and the children are being affected by these situations.

Councilwoman Marter mentioned the reusable bag item is worth 5 points. She stated the township made an investment in reusable bags and handed these out to local businesses to give to their customers. Mr. Pagano also stated a reusable bag was handed out to every household in the township when the boy scouts delivered the township calendars the end of last year.

Mr. Yansick is looking into the backyard composting category.

Ms. Patel mentioned Marty Eckert had volunteered for recycling waste reduction education and compliance, community shredding, and recycling depot. The township is already doing these items so we have the points for them.

Discussion also took place regarding the following items that are worth points:

- Open Space Plan Element of the Master Plan
- Other elements of the Master Plan that may be eligible for points
- A grass “Cut it and Leave it” program and educating residents about this by making up a flyer and posting it on social media.
- Brown fields and does our township have them. A brown field is defined as previously developed land that is not currently in use and may be potentially contaminated.
- Upgrade/retrofit for light pollution and starting with the lights on the pathway near the high school
- Holding a green fair next year. Bordentown is hosting one on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 3 PM

Ms. Patel will update the spreadsheet and forward it to the commissioners.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public in attendance.

#### OTHER BUSINESS/PLAN REVIEW

Chairman Mudge mentioned he did not have a chance to talk to Mayor Wilkie in regard to having a representative from the Zoning Board on the Commission.

Updates on the current applications before the Land Use Boards were reviewed.

In regards to Whitesell Construction Co., Inc.’s approval for 900 Richards Run, the applicant agreed to having lighting on dimmer switches, timers, and being zoned to have the ability to turn off certain zones was going against the township ordinance. The applicant stated this will be going against township ordinance It was mentioned to find out what the township ordinance is regarding requiring lighting at night.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Ordog, seconded by Mr. Pagano to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.  
Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

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Michelle Ryan-Krzykalski, Secretary