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Florence, New Jersey 08518
March 2, 2023

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 7:06 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	Melanie Mieczkowski
David Mudge	Paul Ordog
Deepa Patel	John Pagano, Planning Board Representative
Kelly Doyle, Alt. #2	

ABSENT: Michelle Ryan-Krzykalski, Dave Yansick, Alt. #1

MINUTES

A correction was made to page 2 on the February 6th regular meeting minutes; 9th bullet point "one" to "on" and 13th bullet point "of" to "or".

Motion was made by Mr. Pagano, seconded by Ms. Doyle to adopt the minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting as submitted. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Correspondence regarding donation to Roebling Museum in memory of George Lengel, Jr.
- B. Township Council Resolutions 2023-55 & 2023-56

Motion was made by Chairman Mudge, seconded by Ms. Patel to receive and file Item A & B. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

- C. Letter from Trident Environmental regarding Project Freedoms application to NJDEP

A brief discussion took place regarding the location of this project and the landscaping plan submitted with the correspondence. Motion was made by Vice Chair Mieczkowski, seconded by Councilwoman Marter to receive and file Item C. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sustainable Jersey Green Team

Ms. Patel mentioned she had spoken with Mark Remsa the day before and he is making good progress. There are a few outstanding reports he is waiting for, but he has been uploading the completed information to the Sustainable Jersey Green Team's website. Mr. Remsa is copying Mr. Ordog and Ms. Patel on all items so that we are kept up-to-date.

OTHER BUSINESS/PLAN REVIEW

Chairman Mudge mentioned he received correspondence from ANJEC regarding grants that are available for about a dozen different things; open space trails, park enhancements, pollinated

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gardens, bee habitat, etc. The Commission is not in the position to apply for the grants this year as the deadline to submit the applications is April 17, 2023; however, he would like to have this as an agenda item for next month's meeting and asked the Commissioners to come prepared with which areas they think are potential grant applications to be submitted in 2024.

Ms. Patel stated per the grant website, to be able to apply, you would have to have 80-man hours committed towards a project and have the project underway, so there is not enough time to apply for 2023. It seems that you have to do the project first and then apply for the grant. The grants appear to be for \$1,500.00 each.

It was mentioned to possibly have the scouts help on with any potential projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the Motion of Ms. Patel, seconded by Mr. Pagano to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

MRK/kf

Michelle Ryan-Krzykalski, Secretary