

Minutes of the Andover Township Environmental Commission Meeting held April 8, 2021 at 6:00PM VIA ZOOM

Chair Dr. Josh Osowski called the meeting to order at 6:06PM and read the Environmental Commission Mission Statement.

Roll Call:

Dr. Josh Osowski, Chair – Present
Mayor Janis McGovern, Township Committee Liaison – Present
Suzanne Howell, Land Use Board Liaison – Present
Eric Olsen, Sustainable Andover Liaison and Member – Present
Ray Wexler, Member – Absent
Christine Kretzmer, Member – Present
Brenda Izzo, Recreation Liaison, Alternate – Present

Flag Salute

Mission Statement: Chair Osowski read the Environmental Commission Mission Statement into the record,

Chair Osowski read the Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complied with Chapter 231, P.L. 195, with adequate notice having been posted

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Eric Olsen, seconded by Suzanne Howell, and approved with all members saying Aye.

Approval of Minutes of the 3-11-2021 EC Meeting: A motion to approve made by Eric Olsen, seconded by Janis McGovern, and approved with all members saying Aye.

Open to the Public: Diane Gillespie advised she's been doing research on the best seeds to obtain for the Sunflower display.

Old Business:

- **Open Space Plan Update:** As of the date of this meeting no one has presented a proposal. Eric Olsen advised there are several parties who will be submitting proposals by the 4-16-2021 deadline.
- **Lakeside Nature Park Signs:** Josh Osowski to provide Janis McGovern with a formal request for funding for the signs to present to the Township Committee for payment.
- **Andover Loop:** Josh Osowski has walked the trail and reports no issues other than maintenance. There was discussion about having a press release re the Trail to coincide with the National Trails Day on 6-5-2021. Also, discussion to reach out the Sheridan's to see if they would be interested in participating.
- **Hillside Walking Path:** This has stalled due to pricing, and the Twp. Committee is questioning if we need a walking trail with the Loop so close. Also, the width being discussed now is 8' to allow equipment to maintain the path.
- **Land Use Board:** BHT is requesting their application be amended. The LUB will meet on 4-22-21 to determine if this is an amended application or a new application. Chair Osowski said he's looked over the new info submitted and asked if the EC would like to have a special meeting on 4-24-21 to go over the new information. Areas of concern, the EIS and Traffic Study among

others. Eric Olsen thought we should determine what is required by ordinance for an EIS and what is actually provided. Eric also advised that there was discussion about modernizing/digitizing information.

- **Township Committee:** Mayor Janis McGovern advised that the Budget has been uppermost on their agenda. She will bring up the signage for the Parks at the next meeting.
- **Sustainable Andover:** Eric Olsen advised that the Sunflower Initiative is moving along with hopes for huge displays the second half of August. Many farms in the area have committed to this. Sustainable has applied for a grant that will assist in the costs for promotion of the Sunflower event and other projects.

Adjournment: There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed with all members saying Aye.