

## **Minutes of the Andover Township Environmental Commission Meeting held August 12, 2021 VIA ZOOM.**

Chair Dr. Josh Osowski called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and read the Environmental Commission Mission Statement.

### Roll Call:

Dr. Josh Osowski, Member and Chair – Present  
Eric Olsen, Member, Sustainable Andover Liaison – Present  
Suzanne Howell, Land Use Board Liaison – Present  
Brenda Izzo, Alternate Member, Recreation Liaison – Present  
Ray Wexler, Member (joined meeting at 7:10) – Present  
Mayor Janis McGovern, Township Committee Liaison – Absent  
Christine Kretzmer, Member – Absent

### Flag Salute:

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

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda was made, seconded and passed with all members saying Aye.

Approval of the July 7, 2021 meeting minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes.

Open to the Public: Diane Gillespie advised that Tetrax has an incentive program for recycling one-use plastic bags. There was discussion about how this might work, where there might be drop off points and how this would be stored. It was suggested that she contact Mayor McGovern about this.

### Old Business:

#### Open Space Plan:

Briefly discussed the 8-9-2021 sub-committee meeting which went over the survey that will be sent to Twp residents. Also discussed the plans for the first meeting for the public. That date to be determined but hope to have it early September.

Lakeside Nature Park Signage: Still on hold due to COVID

Andover Loop: Possible Loop kickoff in the Fall

BHT: The EC has done a revised letter on this application. At this point, we wait to see what comes out in the hearing and if it has to be revised further.

Environmental Impact Statement Ordinance Review:

New Business: Nothing at this time

Updates:

*Land Use Board:* BHT Update: At the 7-20-21 LUB meeting, BHT's attorney stated that BHT was presenting an amended application. However, it was the LUB understanding that this is a new application. Their attorney said he would confirm the application status. A witness for BHT was sworn in and he went over what was to be stored on premise, how stored, he described the buffering, fencing, and other site characteristics. He started to address Mr. Stoner's report from April, 2021, however he was stopped as Mr. Stoner asked for an updated set of plans which would be reviewed by the LUB professionals. At that time the hearing was carried to the 8-17-2021 meeting.

Eric Olsen brought up the number of endangered species, one Federally endangered on the property. There is huge potential to do damage to many sensitive species on this property.

*Recreation Committee:* Brenda Izzo reminded the Commission about the 8-21-21 Bar-B-Que at Hillside Park.

*Sustainable Andover:* Eric Olsen gave a report on the Sunflower Experience status and how it's being promoted. It's looking promising.

*Township Committee:* No report

Chairman Osowski advised the commission that all future meeting will be VIA Zoom.

The next meeting is September 9, 2021.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned.