

**Minutes of the Andover Township Environmental  
Commission Meetings held October 28, 2021 at Hillside  
House, Hillside Park, Andover, NJ**

Chair Dr. Josh Osowski called the meeting to order at 6:08PM.

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Roll Call:

Dr. Josh Osowski, member and Chair – Present  
Eric Olsen, Member, Sustainable Andover Liaison – Present  
Suzanne Howell, Land Use Boar Liaison – Present  
Mayor Janis McGovern, Township Committee Liaison – Present  
Brenda Izzo, Alternate Member, Recreation Liaison – Present  
Ray Wexler, Member – joined meeting at 6:19PM  
Christine Kretzmer, Member – Absent

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. The agenda was adopted with all Members saying aye.

Approval of the August 12, 2021 meeting minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed with all members saying Aye.

Open to the Public:

Diane Gillespie asked about the Trail Maps that David Kolstad had worked on. Chair Osowski to contact David about the maps. She also expressed disappointment in the lack of turnout for the Open Space Workshop.

Old Business:

Open Space Update – discussed going forward, discussed the survey participation.

Park Signs – no updates, still waiting for materials

Andover Loop – discussed a grand opening for the Loop, most likely Spring, is the Loop finishes? There's a 5K Grant matching grant available and a wish list was developed of benches, Way signs, kiosks with entire trail maps, maybe aim for an April trail opening.

BHT – Updated EC on the last meeting held on 10-19-2021. Testimony still forthcoming from the applicant. Next meeting is on November 30, 2021 at the Barn at Hillside Park.

Walking Trail (around Hillside Park) – Cory Stoner will work on revising the numbers using the Andover DPW.

Environmental Impact Ordinance Review – subcommittee to meet on 11-17-2021 at 6PM via zoom. Byram's ordinance looks promising.

Recreation – Fun time had by all at the August BBQ, about 70 people in attendance.

Sustainable Andover – There's a mid-November deadline for Sustainable NJ, The Buy Local Guide has been updated. Eric Olsen is working with Erik Derby on a Buy Fresh guide for our local farms.

#### New Business:

Discussed the Ash Trees, and the Tree of Heaven – host trees to the Emerald Ash Borer and the Spotted Lanternfly.

Budget Items – will request money for ANJEC dues, and communications.

Next meeting: In person November 11, 2021, 6PM at Hillside House, Hillside Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM