

**HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
September 1, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Harding Township, NJ Environmental Commission (EC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Novotny, Vice Chairman. The following statement was read: "This regularly scheduled meeting of the Harding Township Environmental Commission is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was given in announcements sent to the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record*, filed with the Township Clerk and posted on various bulletin boards".

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll, the following were present:

Members Present:	James Novotny, Vice Chair Kate Barry Brenda Catalanello Richard Clew Alf Newlin William Seifert Lisa Welsh
Excused:	Hugh Symonds, Chair
Absent:	Christina Juliano
TC Liaisons:	Nicolas Platt Christopher Yates
Also Present:	George Byrnes, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021, meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Catalanello. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PROJECTS – MAJOR

Hunting

Mr. Clew stated that the Hunting Workshop was on Monday August 30 and there were about 12 hunters present. During the workshop Officer Pirrello stated that there is a decent chance that epizootic hemorrhagic disease has returned to the deer in Harding.

Centennial Celebrations

Mr. Clew asked the Commissioners if they would like to participate in the Centennial Celebrations, and if so, the best method for the EC to join.

Rolling Knolls

Ms. Barry stated that there were no new updates with regards to Rolling Knolls.

Spotted Lanternfly

Mr. Clew discussed the methods on controlling the invasive insect. The first method was to remove Tree of Heaven where possible or otherwise protect it from the spotted lanternflies. It was also discussed that the public should be educated about spotted lanternflies on how to effectively treat against them.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOA – Mr. Newlin reported that the cell tower application is still continuing with presentations by objectors, and there was a variance hearing for a house addition on Sand Spring Road.

Planning Board – Mr. Clew reported that the KRE application was finally passed, after the sound barrier and native plants were addressed to the satisfaction of the Board.

HOST – Mr. Novotny stated there was no meeting.

Shade Tree – Mr. Novotny stated there was no meeting.

Township Committee – Mr. Platt stated that the ordinance banning the trapping of fox and coyotes still needed to be reviewed for public safety and health reasons. A discussion ensued with the EC stating that they were waiting on the expert testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Novotny opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. There being no further comments, the public session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:30PM at the Harding Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary
Harding Township Environmental Commission