# HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING 7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL BUILDING March 3, 2021

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Harding Township, NJ Environmental Commission (EC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Symonds, 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: Hugh Symonds, Chair

James Novotny, Vice Chair

Kate Barry

Brenda Catalanello Richard Clew Alf Newlin Lisa Welsh

Excused: William Seifert

Absent: Christina Juliano

TC Liaisons: Chris Yates

Also Present: George Byrnes, Commission Secretary

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Novotny. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

# **PROJECTS - MAJOR**

# Calendar of Events

Mr. Symonds stated that Mary Anne Borge of "The Natural Web" has sent in a quote for her to give a presentation on May 19, 2021.

#### Community Outreach and Engagement

Mr. Symonds stated that for the Spring Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for April 24 and he is working with the DPW for setup and cleanup. Mr. Symonds stated that he would be printing out posters for the event. Mr. Yates suggested tree tubes for the saplings. Mr. Clew stated that he has four volunteers to help with the trees.

#### Rolling Knolls

Ms. Barry explained what the Rolling Knolls community advisory group had a meeting and the overall consensus was that more sampling needs to be conducted.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

<u>BOA</u> – Mr. Symonds reported that the cell tower application is still continuing, that the variance application for an apartment in a barn on Tempe Wick Road was approved, and an application for a pool on Welsh Lane was heard.

<u>Planning Board</u> – Mr. Clew reported that the PB reviewed their 2021 objectives and also numerous zoning ordinances.

<u>HOST</u> – Mr. Novotny stated that the budget was worked on, which includes part of the diversion. He also stated that they were still looking at properties that the township could buy.

Shade Tree - Mr. Novotny stated that there was no meeting.

<u>Township Committee</u> – Mr. Yates stated that PSE&G has suspended their project that had been going to use a property off Meyersville Road as their staging area.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Symonds 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 9:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:30PM by Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary

Harding Township Environmental Commission