



North Brunswick Township Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2024

1. **Members:** Jonathan Flanders, Siobhan Gibbons, Carol Paszamant, Dan Patel, Antora Banerjee, Tony Brooks, Shailendra Patel

Member Attendees: Jonathan Flanders, Siobhan Gibbons, Carol Paszamant, Dan Patel, Shailendra Patel

Guests: North Brunswick Resident (forgot to record name of woman)

2. **Public Meeting Statement:** This regular meeting is held under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law; adequate notice has been provided by posting in the North Brunswick Township public calendar and transmittal to the newspaper
3. **Review and Acceptance of Minutes** of prior meeting on May 28, 2024
4. **Plans to Review** – none to review
5. **Follow up items from prior meetings:**
- EC team is waiting to hear back from township police representative regarding enforcement of NJ laws against idling (Lt. Erik Jacobsen – Traffic Safety Division). Jonathan has left two phone messages.
 - EC team requests to meet with Township engineer for further information on township sewer inspections. Trying for September or after to have Mike Hritz and Jim Watson (CME) attend meeting.
 - EC team requests to have a copy of township sewer plan map once available. CME still working on this. Will take months to complete per Mike Hritz email on 6/24
 - Budget for EC renews 6/30/24 for \$500.
6. **New Items**
- Jonathan planted 2 Bur Oaks at Veterans Park. These are from the 100 donated trees.
 - Discussed with North Brunswick resident how to get help with clean-up of yard after car crashed in her front yard.
 - Discussed township switching to KW Rastall Renewal Diesel fuel. Was discussed that it is bad to use virgin palm-based oil. It is best to use used oil. Jonathan to inquire as to what type of oil is used.
 - Siobhan to ask Janice Larkin who at township is responsible for looking for new grants.
 - Mike Hritz 6/24/24 email to Jonathan regarding Facebook: "We can create the page and manage for you, just like the website and post anything you would like. I will speak to our FB manager."
7. **Future Business:**

1. Heritage Day – October 5th, 3 to 10 PM. Check in 12 noon. Setup by 2 PM for inspection.
2. More clean-up events
3. Arboretum at Pulda Farm – ANJEC grants?
4. Update EC township website
5. Enforcement of NJ idling regulations
6. Community outreach and education – possibly NJ police academy- Antora will bring this to the organizer for discussion.
7. Evaluate how well recycling working in North Brunswick
8. Township mailer
 - Detail recycling, anti-litter, library seeds program
 - Perhaps do this through North Brunswick Facebook
9. Environmental Club – High School. Reach out to them in August or September 2024.
10. ANJEC suggestions for no litter signs.
11. Sustainable NJ – have grants available.

8. Public Portion

9. Adjournment – Upcoming meetings:

July 23
August 27
September 24
October 22
November 26
December 17