

Cross Reference. The Zoning Ordinance of the Township contains specific powers and duties of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which should be consulted. The Zoning Ordinance is not codified in these Revised General Ordinances but is saved from repeal, see Adopting Ordinance, Section 4.

§ 2-40. PLANNING BOARD.

Cross Reference. For provisions regarding the Planning Board, see Chapter 150, Land Use and Development.

§ 2-41. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.²⁵

§ 2-41.1. Creation and Purpose. [1974 Code § 7-34]

There is hereby created an Environmental Commission (referred to in this section as "the Commission") for the protection, development or use of the natural resources within the Township and to be known as the "Woodbridge Environmental Commission."

§ 2-41.2. Members; Appointment; Terms; Vacancies. [1974 Code § 7-35; Ord. #92-86 § 1]

- a. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, plus two (2) alternate members, appointed by the Mayor, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Planning Board and all of whom shall be Township residents. The members shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided. The Mayor shall designate one (1) of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission. The terms of office of the first Commissioners shall be for one (1), two (2) or three (3) years, to be designated by the Mayor in making his appointment, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.
- b. The Mayor or Municipal Council may remove any member of the Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. A vacancy on the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

§ 2-41.3. Powers of Commission. [1974 Code § 7-36; Ord. #82-2 §§ 1, 2; Ord. #86-83]

- a. The Commission shall have power to conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the Township and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes.

25. Editor's Note: For statutory authority of municipalities to create an environmental commission, and pertinent statutory provisions, see N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 et seq.

- b. The Commission may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plats and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its purposes.
- c. The Commission shall keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas.
- d. The Commission may, from time to time, recommend to the Planning Board plans and programs for inclusion in a Township Master Plan and the development and use of the open areas of the Township.

§ 2-41.4. Acquisitions By Commission. [1974 Code § 7-37]

The Commission may, subject to the approval of the Municipal Council and the Mayor, acquire property, both real and personal, in the name of the Township by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease for any of its purposes and shall administer the same for such purposes subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement, including conservation easement, covenant or other contractual right, including a conveyance on conditions or with limitations or revisions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the Township.

§ 2-41.5. Records and Annual Report. [1974 Code § 7-38]

The Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report on or before February 1 and submit the same to the Municipal Council, which report shall be comprehensive and detailed, covering operations, receipts, disbursements and expenditures for the full year.

§ 2-41.6. Appropriations; Additional Staff. [1974 Code § 7-39]

The Municipal Council may appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Commission. The Commission may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require, and payment for same shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to the Commission.

§ 2-42. (RESERVED)

Editor's Note: Former § 2-42, Shade Tree Advisory Board, previously codified herein and containing portions of 1974 Code §§ 7-41 - 7-46 and Ordinance No. 86-18, was repealed in its entirety by Ordinance No. 06-51.

§ 2-43. (RESERVED)

Editor's Note: Former § 2-43, Parking Authority, previously codified herein and containing portions of 1974 Code §§ 7-47 - 7-58 and Ordinance No. 87-73, was repealed in its entirety by Ordinance No. 06-52.