



## ***Bernards Township Environmental Commission***



### **BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES – April 25, 2022 – 7pm**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Debra DeWitt called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Warren Craft Room, Bernards Township Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

All those assembled saluted the flag.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Debra DeWitt, Alice Smyk, Jennifer Asay, Nancy Cook, John Crane, Todd Edelstein (Alternate 1), Corey Fischer, James LaMaire, John Valeri Jr., Sarah Wolfson (Alternate 2)

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Kaitlin Cartoccio, Recording Secretary

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes made by Alice Smyk, second by John Valeri Jr. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **REPORTS & MISCELLANEUS CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **a. Subcommittees**

##### **1. Applications**

Todd Edelstein was at the Verizon meeting where there were questions about tree replacements and when they should occur.

##### **2. ANJEC**

Alice Smyk discussed applying for an ANJEC grant for preserving open space. Discussion around applying for guerilla gardening.

##### **3. Native Pollinator Group/Plant Sale**

Debra DeWitt, Sarah Wolfson and Todd Edelstein volunteered to put orders together for the April 30<sup>th</sup> sale from Ross Farm. There's about 37 orders.

##### **4. Community Outreach/Education**

Debra DeWitt posted about the plant sale on her page. There was a post regarding cooking fat and oats being a snack for animals. Nancy Cook created a one pager for Earth Day. Upcoming topic ideas: avian flu, energy efficiency.

##### **5. Guerilla Gardening**

Discussion around picking a site for the ANJEC application.

##### **6. Spotted Lanternfly Park Project**

Partnering with DPW, Shade Tree and other volunteers. Everyone will work to build lanternfly traps to be placed in Bernards Township Parks with a spotter lanternfly



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information. Work with high school students to place the traps on Ridge Gives Back Day.

### **7. Invasive Species**

Discussion about ordinances to prevent the planting of invasive species.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Status on Current Projects**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Finley Real Estate LLC – ZB 21-031 – 55 South Finley Ave** – Variance to make temporary outside dining area & associated structures permanent.

No environmental concerns.

Motion by James LaMaire , seconded by John Valeri Jr.

All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Moye. William & Carol – PB 22-001 – 11 Mountain Rd** – Minor subdivision

No environmental concern.

Motion by John Valeri Jr., seconded by Alice Smyk.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Todd – Nancy, John Crane - ANJEC

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm . Motion by John Crane, second by John Valeri Jr. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Meeting Secretary