### Township of Long Hill Environmental Commission Agenda Regular Meeting March 21, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

# 1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to the requirement of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, adequate notice of the meeting including the time, date and location was posted on the Municipal bulletinboard, the Echoes-Sentinel and Courier News were notified of the revised meeting schedule.

### 2. MEETING CUT-OFF

Announcement is made that as a matter of procedure, it is the intention of the Environmental Commission (EC) not to continue any matter past 9:30 p.m. at any regular or special meeting of the commission unless the members then present pass a motion to extend the meeting to a later specified cut-off time.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Susan Garretson Friedman, Chairperson, Term Expires 12/31/21 Thomas Flatley, Vice-Chairperson, Term expires 12/31/22 Dorothy Smullen, Member, Term Expires 12/31/23 Phil Ponturo, Member, Term Expires 12/31/21 Matthew Dionisio, Member, Term Expires 12/31/23 Joyce Koenig, Alternate Member #1, Expires 12/31/22 Brendan Rae, Township Committee Liaison, Term Expires 12/31/21

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

The meeting will be opened to the public for questions or comments.

### 6. <u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>

Compiled Meeting minutes

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Application for development of 17 & 23 Gates Ave
- Application for Development of lots 1-57 Old Forge Road, Millington

• Discussion Drew Forest, a 53-acre preserve that is under threat of development. We are being asked by <u>Friends of the Drew Forest</u> to support Madison in working towards a conservation sale. Preserving the land as open space (it has 22 acres of trails) is a win for the public—and a win for Drew, which will receive needed funds. Our efforts have received broad support in the community (our <u>petition</u> has 11,161 signatures!)

Next up: Demonstrating that the Forest, and Drew University, are regionally important, both from an environmental and economic perspective (see attached one-pager). Toward that end, we're asking neighboring ECs if they can pass a resolution in support of a conservation sale. And have their Town Councils follow suit.

Chatham Township, Chatham Borough and Morris Township are all on board, at both the EC and council level.

### 8. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022.

# 9. ADJOURNMENT