

**Township of Long Hill**  
**Environmental Commission Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 18, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The Environmental Commission (EC) of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey convened in a Regular Meeting at the Long Hill Town Hall, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

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 bulletin-board, the Echoes-Sentinel and Courier News were notified.

**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**

Present: Terry Carruthers Chairperson, Joan McCloskey, Vice Chairperson - 1st Alternate, Matthew Dionisio, Member, Susan Garretson Friedman, Member, Thomas Flatley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate, Dorothy Smullen, Member,  
Absent: Devanshi Jackson, Member, Brendan Rae, Township Committee Liaison

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed for approval, a motion was made by Matt to accept these minutes and the motion was seconded by Susan. All were in favor to approve these minutes.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

The meeting was opened to the public for questions or comments. Pam Ogens, a LHT resident was in attendance to observe.

**6. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Revised 2019 Membership list and sent to ANJEC
- Completed 2020 EC Meeting Calendar

**7. CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Photo competition: We are in process to gain approval from TC to hold a competition to get photos into the township's calendar for 2020. This project is in conjunction with Lisa Scanlon of Parks and Recreation. **Open.**
- Budget: Still pending TC approval, Terry will follow up. **Open.**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS cont'd:**

- Sustainability Element: Terry will undertake to write this, to include sections on energy use, landscaping and more. **Open.**
- Terry would like a forum for township residents to give a "Green Ideas" input.- **Open.**
- Improving Website: Karen is working with Claudette, LHT new admin to get prior copies of minutes and agendas posted to the LHT website. We will discuss what additional items to post. **Open.**
- Campaign Against Plastics: We would like an ordinance to ban single-use bags and straws. We will devote 2-3 members to work on this. The first step is to obtain a "blueprint" proven to succeed in this endeavor. Tom offered to pursue the first stage of this research and suggested we try to enlist the high school's environmental club. **Open.**
- Newsletter: Dorothy will prepare an article on Monarch butterflies and Susan will write on Trex Recycling. **Open.**
- Christmas Bird counts December 14th: Terry will take a team for a day of bird counting through a corner of the Great Swamp. All are invited. **Open.**
- Steep slopes: An ordinance was prepared by Tom. Terry will meet with David Hands to review and discuss. **Open**
- NRI: we may enlist the grant writers to help obtain a grant for GIS Data and research on Endangered Species in the town. **Open.**

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Dorothy. Upon proper parliamentary procedures, the regular meeting of the Long Hill Township Environmental Commission did duly adjourn at 8:50 P.M. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Dionisio, Member acting on behalf of:

Karen Shear, Secretary

Environmental Commission