

PRINCETON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 28, 2016– 7:30 pm
Meeting Room A, Witherspoon Hall
400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

I. Opening Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting as required by Sections 3d and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided and filed with the municipal Clerk.

II. Glovier opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Present were: Walker, Glovier, Marcus-Levine, Sacks, Czarny, Symington and Simon

Absent were: Fichtenbaum, Zemble, Parks, DiFerdinando and Birge

III. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

IV. Minutes:

- a) July 27, 2016 – A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes;
- b) August 11, 2016 – A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

V. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time. Mr. Pisauro from the Stonybook Millstone Watershed Assoc. was present to discuss the Storm water ordinance.

VI. Discussion/Decisions:

- a) Glovier announced to the Commission that a new member had been appointed Ms. Parks and she would be in attendance at that next meeting.
- b) Council Update: Simon noted that the Shade Tree Ordinance was passed but it will be back in front of Council with some revisions concerning tree replacement. He also noted that the solar panel project at River Road is behind schedule but will be moving forward. He also stated that they are working on a similar project for the Library to have the panels installed at the Spring Street Garage.
- c) Storm water Management Ordinance: Mr. Pisauro stated that the NJ DEP is trying to strengthen the requirements for storm water permits and they will issue a formal draft copy for public comment in the fall sometime. He has been reviewing Princeton's ordinance as they prepared to revise it; and he said that Franklin is one of a few towns that has a strong ordinance. He said they

have minor and major categories each with its own set of storm water requirements and fees. Each owner will have to certify each quarter that maintenance has been done with its storm water equipment. He said he thinks that Princeton should present an ordinance similar to Franklins and one that has an emphasis on green infrastructure. He said it is rare that a Planning Board or Zoning Board pushes for green infrastructure; if the applicant states that they cannot do it, the Board accepts that. Glovier stated that she thinks that the PEC should make some recommendations such as making preventative and corrective maintenance requirements more stringent; more broadly defining what would trigger the need for a storm water management plan; and suggesting that the town follow Franklin with major/minor categories. Mr. Pisauro stated that the ordinance should have actual standards and give some strategies on how to comply with the standards. Walker suggested that Pisauro consolidate all of the suggestions and send them out to the PEC members. The PEC discussed various changes to the ordinance and it was decided that this discussion would be placed on the October agenda as well for approval. Glovier stated that she thinks this is an important issue given all of the flooding that Princeton experienced this past summer. Glovier also noted that she received a letter from Grace Sinden concerning the Flood Hazard ordinance and she thinks the PEC should recommend that Council revise that ordinance based on her suggestions.

- d) Construction Waste Recycling: Simon noted that there is no new information on this at this point.
- e) EV Ordinance: Glovier noted that she, Symington and Fichtenbaum met with Solow. She said they are now working on putting an ordinance together and will meet with him again in the near future.
- f) ANJEC Grant Update: Glovier stated that the required ANJEC grant update was submitted and received favorably by ANJEC. A trail reopening celebration in the Woodfield Preservation is planned for October.
- g) SPRAB/Development Applications: There were no applications to consider during this period.

VII. Liaison Reports:

- a) **Sustainable Princeton:** Symington noted that Sustainable Princeton is currently working on the following items: carbon footprint for Princeton, climate action plan, great ideas events; and she also noted that they received an Honorable Mention Award at the ANJEC conference for the A,B,C – BYOB initiative.

VIII. Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Mercantini, Secretary

Date Approved: December 14, 2016