COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

1. Meeting Call to Order by Mr. Hennessy at 6:56 PM

2. Salute to the Flag - Done

3. Sunshine Law Notice (read by secretary):

"THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY NOTICING THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE TWO RIVER TIMES ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025 STATING THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WOULD BE HELD ON APRIL 15, 2025 AT 7: 00 P.M., COLTS NECK TOWN HALL ANNEX, 3 VETERANS WAY, COLTS NECK. A COPY IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK."

4. Roll Call: Environmental Commission: **Present:** Sue Fitzpatrick, Thomas Hennessy, Thomas Pacheco, Bob Lutkewitte, Allan Ryan, Teresa Danile, Ray Malak ; **Excused:** Theresa Velardi

Roll Call: Green Team Advisory Committee: **Present:** Sue Fitzpatrick, Thomas Hennessy, Bob Lutkewitte, Teresa Danile, Allan Ryan, Dina Ryan; **Excused:** Alison DeNoia; **Absent:** Eileen Stivala

5. Discussion Items:

a. Goals and Objectives of the Environmental Commission, Shade Tree and Green Team – Bob Lutkewitte suggests recruiting younger families to the Environmental Commission; Bob will proceed to correspond with superintendent of schools to introduce more information on this matter.

6. Minutes

March 18, 2025 meeting - Motion to approve: Bob Lutkewitte; Second: Thomas Pacheco - All in favor: Yes

7. Old Business

- Application to submit to Sustainable NJ (Bronze level) (no updates from Theresa Velardi/Alison DeNoia/Teresa Danile)
- Deer Management Plan (Thom Hennessy) – Mr. Hennessy reported on County procedures for deer management and suggestions can be made to Township and the Township can possibly formulate an ordinance.
- Forest Management Plan - Forest Fire Prevention -Allan Ryan reported that post brush fires, fire department has involvement in any clean up/clearing process – Mr. Hennessy will inquire as to suggestions from the County and the EC can decide if it wishes to suggest to Township that a plan be created.
- Update on Sapling Giveaway (planned for April 26th) – Mr. Pacheco will make inquiry as to facilitating the supply of saplings for the give-away.
- Earth Day Celebration (April 22) Town Hall clean-up occurred on 4/15/2025 at 6 PM (prior to our monthly meeting) with a good turnout. Thank you to all volunteer participants (Brian McNally, Thom Hennessy, Sue Fitzpatrick, Jim Fitzpatrick, Alison DeNoia, Bob Lutkewitte, Teresa Danile, Thomas Pacheco, Ray Malak, Allan Ryan, and Dina Ryan).
- Clean Communities Opportunities (Clean Communities links for eligibility etc. appear on Township's DPW Page) – Bob Lutkewitte will incorporate this concept when communicating with the schools as to younger family recruits.)

8. New Business

- Tree City Award (Sue Fitzpatrick advised application is in process and we are awaiting certification)
- Dark Sky (Light Pollution) (Sue Fitzpatrick advised the Township will do a proclamation for the Township's April 30, 2025 meeting).

9. Planning Board Business – Mr. Hennessy presented plans regarding 440 Route 34, LLC (Application PB767, Block 31, Lot 11) – No comment – Plans still under review.

10. Comments from the Public (N/A – no public attendance)

Motion to Open Public Comment ____; Second ___ – All in Favor ___; Motion to Close Public Comment ___ Second ___ – All in Favor ____

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Allan Ryan; Second: Teresa Danile - All in Favor: Yes; Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM

The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be May 20, 2025
7:00 pm at the Colts Neck Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Ryan, Secretary