

GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, AT 5:30 pm

PUBLIC NOTICE: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act in as much as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, N.J.

ROLL CALL: Cynthia Moyano, Fausto Moyano, Ellen Lessin, Matthew Fox and Christopher Sullivan; all members in attendance. Also in attendance were Jason Miller, DPW Supervisor and Gwen Santos, Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

MINUTES: *Approval of minutes from February 3, 2025, meeting;* minutes read by Cynthia Moyano. Motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025, was made by Matthew Fox, seconded by Fausto Moyano; all in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elly Lessin provided website video presentation by Doug Tallamy (www.homegrownnationalpark.org) that provided resources for planting native to your area, restoring insects, removing invasive species, etc. Elly also provided a list of nurseries in which the Committee can purchase native plants. Fausto Moyano provided a copy of the Sussex County Senior Times that contained an article entitled, "Seed Saving Library", which discussed distribution of free seeds, gardening resources and connecting with other gardeners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- *Pollinator Garden:*
 - Elly Lessin stated that she was once again going to reach out to Wild Ridge Nursery in preparation for purchases of native plants. Elly advised the Committee that Anderson Farms is also interested in establishing a vendor profile for purchases and requested that the Committee Secretary reach out to accomplish this.
 - Matt Fox advised that he will start seedlings from seeds he collected last fall from the existing plants in the pollinator garden and will distribute to members when seedlings are ready for planting.
- *Garden Bench:* DPW Supervisor, Jason Miller, attended the meeting to answer members questions regarding the garden bench purchased by the previous secretary. It was determined where and how the bench would be installed. Fausto Moyano motioned to accept the location of the bench installation. Matt Fox seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- *Gardening Equipment:* Jason Miller advised that a locking construction box will be bolted to shed located at the pavilion to store gardening tools for easy access.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris Sullivan advised that the Watershed Alliance provides grants, and the Committee should look into grant programs to determine eligibility.
- Christ Sullivan discussed possible planting to additional areas of the park in which local growers, Tranquility Farms, Cahill Farms and Gardens of the World, would donate the plants/flowers. These local businesses would gain free advertising by placing a sign indicating who donated said garden area.
- Members discussed a possible Pollinator Garden Contest for residents of Green Township. Fausto Moyano motioned to present the idea to the Township Committee. All were in favor, motion carried. Action plan to be devised and reviewed at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Sullivan at 6:37 pm, seconded by Cynthia Moyano. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Santos, Environmental Secretary
Date: March 5, 2025