

GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 1, 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 was Gwen Santos, Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

MINUTES: *Approval of minutes from March 4, 2025, meeting;* minutes read by Cynthia Moyano. Motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025 meeting, was made by Matthew Fox, seconded by Fausto Moyano; all in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Elly Lessin provided information on Plot Saver Deer Barrier System.
- Minutes from the Sussex County Open Space Committee meeting on February 27, 2025, provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- *Pollinator Garden and Garden Bench:*
 - Matt Fox and Fausto Moyano advised that they visited the garden sites and marked plants within the garden areas that are to be kept in place when DPW prepares the site for the second garden and bench area. Fausto Moyano prepared an initial site plan showing where the bench, trees, gardens and mulch will be placed. Matt suggested a clearer diagram, with dimensions, to present to DPW Supervisor, Jason Miller, to ensure the area is designed as such. Fausto agreed that this will be his next step with the site plan. Fausto will reach out to Jason Miller to determine when the work will begin. It was noted by Matt and Fausto that clearing of fallen trees must be done for the bench to be installed.
 - Chris Sullivan advised that he spoke with the proprietor of Plainview Growers and determined that Plainview is willing to donate plants but is not interested in advertising where the plants came from as they are wholesale growers and would not benefit from free advertising. Cynthia suggested asking if they can donate trees instead of plants. Chris advised that he would ask Plainview since he did not know.
- *Online Presentation by Doug Tallamy Regarding Planting Native Gardens:*
 - Elly asked for input from Committee Members regarding the online presentation by Doug Tallamy regarding planting native gardens that she presented last meeting. All stated they viewed the presentation and found it interesting and informative.
- *Pollinator Garden Contest:*
 - All Committee Members agreed this topic should be tabled until next meeting.

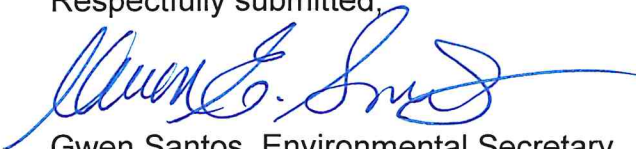
NEW BUSINESS:

- Elly Lessin provided information on the Plot Saver Deer Barrier System by stating that the designer, John Park, is utilizing the system with great success at Merrill Creek Reservoir, where they are installing native plants throughout. Elly also showed an online example of signage, also designed by Mr. Park, strategically placed throughout the Reservoir to educate visitors on what they are viewing. Elly advised that Mr. Park would be willing to share his files/information with the Environmental Committee, should this be something the Committee would be interested in doing.
- Matt Fox voiced concern about so many downed trees in the garden area and along the trails. Asked that the Committee should look into what can be done to prevent this in the future, i.e. controlled burns, grant money for tree removal, etc.
- Members discussed Green Township Day on June 7, 2025. It was decided that Members should present ideas for this year's presentation at the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Fox at 6:35 pm, seconded by Chris Sullivan. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Santos, Environmental Secretary
Date: April 2, 2025