

**Minutes of the Parks & Environment Advisory Board
Meeting November 1st, 2017 at the Canale Training Center**

In attendance:

Officers Present - Mike Hogan – Vice Chairman

Members Present - Steve Fiedler, Jill Miles, Dick Colby,

Members Absent - Bill Reinert – Chairman, James Galvin, Elmer Ripley, Ken Sooy

Freeholder Representative – Alex Marino – present

County Staff - Greg Brookins, D.H.P.W - present

Secretary - Eric Husta – C.P.S. - present

A motion was made to accept the minutes from our September meeting by Dick Colby. Mike Hogan seconded the motion.

Discussion topics:

Mike Hogan began by showing a video of the damage to Wharton State Forest from the air. The video was produced by members of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and can be found online.

Dick Colby discussed his attendance at this year's annual Shade Tree Federation event held in Cherry Hill on 10/19 and 10/20. He highlighted some of the design features found in a tree mapping program which allow a user to calculate the approximate amount of water uptake from different types and sizes of trees.

Steve Fiedler discussed the success of the farmers market in Galloway and reported great turnouts from 8/25- 10/15 on Sundays from 10AM-1PM. The Galloway Historical Society made it a point to stay open during those time and saw a substantial uptick in the numbers of visitors. The Restore project is going quite well with a need for new employees. There has been quite an accumulation of building supplies coming from the scavenging operations prior to home demolitions. Lengthy discussion was had regarding the Little Indian Day Camp that predated the Noyes Museum in Galloway.

Freeholder Alex Marino reported his contact with Rick Dovey at the ACUA regarding the potential replacement of Michele Bellinger.

Eric Husta and Dick Colby discussed the State –wide North South Trail creation and its maintenance. Eric mentioned Dick and his group should be hearing from the County in an official capacity sometime next week.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:07 PM.

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd 2018 , at 7 PM at the Canale Training Center in Egg Harbor Township.

cc: Dennis Levinson, County Executive
Jerry DelRosso, County Administrator
Diana Rutala, Dep. County Administrator
Frank D. Formica, Chairman - Board of Freeholders
Alex Marino, Board of Freeholders – PEAB Representative
Greg Brookins, Dept. Head Public Works
All Advisory Board Members