

**Minutes of the Parks & Environment Advisory Board  
Meeting March 2nd, 2022 online via Webex**

In attendance:

**Officers Present** - Mike Hogan, Vice Chairman

**Members Present** – Dan Crum, Stephen Fielder, Dick Colby, Lisa March, Heather Warburton

**Members Absent** - Bill Reinert-Chairman, Belinda Chester, Ken Sooy

**Commissioner Representative** – Andrew Parker - absent

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

**Secretary** - Eric Husta, D.D.P.R. – present

**Guests** - Melissa Belen-Gonzalez- Great Egg Harbor River Watershed Ambassador, Paul Signore- Mullica River Area Ambassador

**New Business:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm and the group unanimously approved the minutes from our February meeting. Both Americorps Ambassadors took a moment to introduce themselves and discuss some of their current projects. Melissa will be running two rain barrel workshops, one in April and another in May. She is also working on High School Envirothon competitions and Earth Day Fairs as well as participating in local Green Team work. Paul has been working on nature exhibits at Batsto Village as well as water sampling programs. He has also been participating in clean ups as well as a seigning program at the Forsythe Wildlife Refuge.

**Roundtable Discussion topics:**

Eric Husta noted control burns were taking place on county property in Cologne. He also mentioned ongoing project coordination for several park improvement projects currently under way.

Steve Fiedler mentioned an upcoming webinar for local businesses on the statewide plastics ban. The webinar will be held from 2:30pm - 3:30pm on 3/3/22. A link is available at [www.gogreengalloway.org](http://www.gogreengalloway.org). He also mentioned upcoming webinars on stormwater management on 3/24 and a 4/27 webinar hosted by Ken Able. Both sessions begin at 7pm. A link can be found at [www.jcnerr.org](http://www.jcnerr.org).

Dan Crum noted the plastic bag ban will go into effect on May 4, 2022. The county health department will be spearheading the enforcement efforts.

Heather Warburton started discussion on electric vehicle charging stations and also mentioned the IPCC's latest climate report. The report can be found at [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch). She also suggested providing the Board of Commissioners with a 1-2 page briefing of future reports for their review.

Lisa March mentioned that she was considering an electric vehicle for her next purchase. Discussion was had on the lack of sales tax and 100,000 mile scheduled maintenance as attractive incentives.

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Mike Hogan updated the group on his current preservation work and macroinvertebrate studies. Discussion was also had on the current state of some of the local bald eagle nests as well as the need to pick topics for upcoming meetings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 PM.

**Our next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 7 PM via WebEx.**

cc: Dennis Levinson, County Executive  
Jerry DelRosso, County Administrator  
Diana Rutala, Deputy County Administrator  
Maureen Kern, Chairperson - Board of County Commissioners  
Andrew Parker, Board of County Commissioners – PEAB Representative  
Greg Brookins, Department Head Public Works  
All Advisory Board Members