

Vernon Township Environmental Commission

July 17, 2023, General Meeting Minutes

Vernon Municipal Building, 7 PM

This meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Craig Williams.

Craig read the Statement of Compliance. Craig led the commissioners in the pledge of allegiance and salute to the flag.

Roll call was taken for attendance-present were:

Craig Williams, Vice Chair, liaison to Land Use Board

- Jennifer Carlson
- Catherina Sawoszczyk

Craig introduced the two new commissioners, appointed by Mayor Howard L. Burrell, JoAnn Florida and Barbara Jaggi. The commissioners welcomed them.

Craig requested for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2023. Catherina motioned to approve the minutes as written and Jennifer seconded the motion. Approved.

Craig Williams Opened the meeting to Public Comments- No public present – Craig Williams Close meeting to public comments

Land Use Board Report:

Mountain Creek Resort - annual report was given to the Land Use Board.

Approval of the preliminary application for Route 94 LLC Barns of Sammis given 6/28/2023

Applications Under Review :

LU 2-23-4 Sussex Cultivation, LLC – aka Sussex Cannabis Cultivation Application

Members discussed concerns of commissioners followed in reference to Sussex Cannabis Cultivation application concern including building structures, water usage and amounts, irrigation, lighting use and waste disposal. Commissioners to follow this closely.

OLD BUSINESS

- EPA/GREEN electrification: review of discussions thus far with solar power to the municipal building and the DPW and electric charging stations, review of 3 types of power purchase agreements with decision to set up meeting to mayor and council.
- Septic : Commissioners discussed Highland Lakes and Lake Walkkill's septic programs, where the standard minimum clean out requirement came from. The decision by Craig to draft a letter was made.

- Website: STREAM RUN OFF education placed on website

Craig Williams requested a motion for adjournment, Catherina Sawoszcyk motioned to adjourn and Jennifer Carlson second the motion. Meeting adjourned, next meeting 8/21/2023 7 pm

Respectfully submitted by Catherina Sawoszcyk