

Vernon Township Environmental Commission

Minutes June 16, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 7:00pm by Vice Chair & Land Use Board Liaison Ann Larsen

Statement of Compliance read out loud by Vice Chair Ann Larson

Salute to Flag completed

Roll Call taken by Vice Chair

Stephanie DiBrienza Chair	ABSENT
Ann Larsen Vice Chair & Land Use Board Liaison	PRESENT
Barbara Jaggi	PRESENT
Catherina Sawoszczyk	PRESENT
Edward Connell	ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair acknowledge quorum, meeting continued. April 2025 meeting minutes presented as written for approval. Ann Larsen motioned to approve. Barbara Jaggi seconded. Minutes accepted. Acknowledgment that May 2025 meeting was cancelled.

Land Use Board Liaison Report

Ann Larsen reported

- 1) Cannabis Farm on 565 'Sussex Cultivation "received their License on March 25, 2025, from the NJ-CRC (NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission).
- 2) LUB approved LU #12-24-8
- 3) Update on Rolling Hills Road elevation request variances related to updated January 2025 regulations.

Old Business

- 1) Discussion of Master Plan and Open Space Inventory copies available for commission to access tabled as Chair does not present for report.
- 2) Discussion of Streams and Flood Plans awaiting chair report as to access location.
- 3) Discussion on drought conditions with current conditions accessed through EC link on township website.

New Business

Discussion of gypsy Moth Infestation for 2025. DEP website accessed and current information discussed.

Condition of Town Brook located in front of ACME parking lot. Commissioners agreed to visit site and research F-1 Trout Stream care requirements from DEP. All agreed to continue discussion at June's meeting.

Land Use Board Applications Under Review

- 1) LU #5-25-3 13 Geranium Court application for front yard setback variance from required 40foot set back to proposed 12-foot set back. Concerns discussed commissioners agreed further review needed.
- 2) LU# 6-25-4 Proposed 99 residential units in three buildings on 2.187 acres at 517 route 515. Environmental concerns were expressed by commissioners for a moderately high-density development with a podium style construction with some garages underneath apartments planned for Vernon.

Public Participation

Ann Larsen opened the meeting to the public. No public present. Ann Larsen closed the meeting to the public.

Commissioner Comments

All agreed to further research F-1 trout stream, and follow up with Mayor office on the Master plan and open space inventory.

Adjournment

Ann Larsen requested motion to adjourn, Barbara Jaggi motioned to adjourn and Catherina Sawoszcyk second.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting July 21st, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Catherina Sawoszcyk