

Vernon Township Environmental Commission

Minutes: **March 17th**, 2025, meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Stephanie DiBrienza at 7:00pm

Statement of compliance read by Chair Stephanie DiBrienza

Salute to Flag

Roll Call taken by Chair

Stephanie DiBrienza Chair	PRESENT
Ann Larsen Vice Chair & Land Use Board Liaison	PRESENT
Barbara Jaggi	PRESENT
Catherina Sawoszcyk	PRESENT
Edward Connell (new commissioner)	PRESENT

(new commissioner sworn in by Mayor Rossi)

Introductions and contact information shared with new commissioner.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present

Approval of Minutes

January meeting minutes approved with edits to include discussion of PFOs.

Accepted by C. Sawoszcyk

Second by Barbara Jaggi

No Meeting held in February.

Land Use Board Liaison Report

An ordinance for approval was given for an application on deck size. No further applications for review at present time.

Old Business

Drought conditions for NJ were discussed. Catherina Sawoszcyk demonstrated the link located on the Vernon Township EC Webpage to monitor drought conditions as reported by the NJ DEP.

Ann Larsen discussed fire risks related to continued drought conditions. Members voted on placing a link on the EC webpage for fire risks as reported by the NJDEP. Unanimously voted on and accepted.

Members voted to invite Jenna Black from the NJ Watershed department.

Members agree to contact Irene Mills for access to the Masterplan and Open Space Inventory.

Discussion about AI use in recording town minutes with follow up to Irene Mills.

Public Participation

No public present

Commissioner comments

Ann Larsen spoke to further researching PFOs and funding for remediation

Barbara Jaggi spoke reaching out to reaching out to Scott Gottheimer Office for grant availability.

Stephanie DiBrienza will speak with Irene Mills about taping the minutes and scheduling Jenna Black to a meeting. Also to work on arrangements for the spring tree give away.

Catherina Sawoszcyk spoke to forwarding the January minutes, completing the March minutes and asking about AI programs to the township.

Adjournment

Ann Larsen motioned to adjourn. Edward Connell second motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Catherina Sawoszcyk

Next meeting scheduled for April 21th 7pm