The January 28, 2019 meeting of the Township of Franklin Environmental Commission was called to order by Ms. Halpern at 7:35 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

I. Minutes
The September, October, and November minutes were revised or completed and were approved as submitted, as follows:

- The September 24, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Van Ostenbridge, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy.
- The October 22, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Stippick, seconded by Mr. Van Ostenbridge.
- The November 26, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Mounier.

II. Emergency Response and Management Report
Mrs. Flaim reported on behalf of Lt. Matthew DeCesari, the Emergency Management Officer:

- The cleanup at Shamrock Enterprises on Clearfield Ave. has removed over 2,000 propane tanks and about the same in nonpropane tanks. There is also a large quantity of wires on the premises to be removed. They are possibly Verizon wires and not a hazard of the same type, but need removal. EPA has completed its investigation.
- Pioneer metal: Over 150 gallon drums with plating solution and acid wastes have been removed. The lab in the building has also been removed and EPA has removed other miscellaneous materials within the building. EPA provided an update on December 17, 2018. They will be sampling in the dead area over the next months. The chief contaminants are expected to be nickel, copper, and chromium.

III. Guest Issues
The Scouts attended as part of the requirements for a merit badge. The Senior Scout was exploring Eagle Scout projects and has attended various town meetings.

Mr. Faubbel expressed interest in the township-owned parcels that might be included on the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (the ROSI), which he read about in the Sentinel.

IV. Zoning and Planning Board Applications
A. ZB 19-01
A zoning variance application was submitted by F. Richardson on Hall Ave. for an Air B
& B use variance for Block 2201, Lot 7. The EC comment was that a change of use will require a review of the septic by Gloucester Co..

B. PB 18-7
An application for a Minor Subdivision was submitted by Dolinski for Block 1901, Lot 11. The property is located on East Ave. The EC advises that an LOI is needed for this property. It is about 6 acres in size but five or more acres are probably wet.

V. Old Business
A. Piney Hollow Natural Area/Green Acres Grant
1. Mr. Stippick reported that Flooding persists. He cleared the culvert under the land bridge area and that stopped the flooding over the trail in that location. He also reported that in the third lake the water level had risen in the past due to a blocked drain, which killed trees on the edges. Now the level has dropped about two feet after Jon cleared the grate in the dam last spring. We need to keep drainage maintenance in mind after the other proposed improvements are made.
2. Ms. Halpern reported that she hasn’t yet heard back from our Engineers about their response to the Pinelands Commission request for additional information and revised plans, but she does have a call in to them.
   Ms. Halpern stated that cleanups on the property still need to be done, which should occur before spring when leaf out occurs and it becomes more difficult. Only partial cleanups were conducted by DPW. DPW and the Engineers need to coordinate. Receipts for where the removed trash goes will also be needed as part of the grant requirements.
   The Jersey barriers are no longer at the first entrance on Unexpected Rd. and need to be replaced.
   There is a truckload of asphalt millings at the second entrance on Unexpected Rd. that need to be cleaned up.

B. ROSI (Recreational Open Space Inventory)
Ms. McCarthy reported that on January 8 she and Ms. Halpern presented to Township Committee an explanation of criteria for including particular parcels on the proposed ROSI list. The list was distributed to members of the EC.
Ms. Flaim advised that she will meet with Ms. Vassallo about the ROSI and some of the reservations that Ms. Vassallo may have about it.

C. Malaga Lake Park
- It was noted that the dead trees near the boat launch have been cut.
- Ms. Flaim reported that she and Ms. Petsch-Wilson attended a presentation at the League of Municipalities conference about geese and using a dog service to eradicate them. The merits of this method were discussed and it was agreed that it is generally quite successful but does have a cost. Perhaps it could be combined with some of the improvements that the EC has long suggested – to block off the access to the geese with fences and vegetation.
- Ms. McCarthy suggested that we explore establishing a memorial bench program
that would bring us new seating at the park.

VI. New Business
   A. ANJEC: It is time to renew our ANJEC membership. Upon a motion by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Stippick, and unanimously approved, the membership in ANJEC will be renewed and all Commissioners, Alternates, and Liaisons will be included on the submitted mail list.

   B. Appointments to EC and Chair Positions: On a request for clarification, Ms. Halpern advised that the appointments to the EC for 2019 included renewal of terms for Ms. McCarthy and Mr. Stippick. Ms. Johnson is appointed to fill Mr. Petrowich’s term, to 12/30/20. One year terms for Alternates include Melanie Cucunato. Ms. Duerr was to be the second Alternate but Mr. McGurk was reappointed in error. Ms. Halpern will try to get that changed.

       Upon a motion by Mr. Mounier, seconded by Mr. Stippick, and unanimously approved, Ms. Halpern was elected to be the Chairperson and Ms. McCarthy was elected as Vice-Chair.

   C. Projects for 2019: It was agreed that more discussion is needed on this year’s projects. However, we discussed the recycling issue as a goal at the last EC meeting and Mr. Russo reported that he contacted three vendors to inquire about taking more plastics. All three vendors are moving to take only one and two plastics, which is very disappointing. Mr. Russo would like to see businesses stop distributing plastic bags, as well. Ms. Flaim remarked that there are still concerns about education to the public to really get recycling to work.

VII. Mail Review/Conferences/Announcements – One letter was received from the Pinelands Commission regarding a Minor Subdivision hearing for Robert and Edward Curcio re: block 7101/lot 68. This is in the PAP Zone and proposes three lots on a 26-acre parcel. The application was approved by Franklin Township in 2012. The Pinelands letter states that the approval “should not have been recorded with the County.”

VIII. Adjournment
       Upon motion by Mr. Van Ostenbridge, seconded by Mr. Russo, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne McCarthy