

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
June 14, 2017

4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Buscaglia called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Charles Buscaglia

x

Bob Dreyer

x

Don Patterson

x

Roger Gravatt

x

Wayne Van Hise

x

Staff Present: Ines M. Zimmerman and Christina F. LaBianca

Others Present: none

IV. Compliance Statement

Christina F. LaBianca confirmed that the Open Public Meetings Act had been satisfied by notifying the Asbury Park Press, the Home News, and Monmouth and Middlesex County Clerks.

V. Approval of Minutes

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the May 10th, 2017, regular meeting. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Donald Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Donald Patterson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bob Dreyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VII. Bills for Payment

An adjustment to the FY2017 budget needs to be made to cover the cost of a new vehicle. Per Resolution 2017-009, \$10,000.00 will be transferred from the Professional Development and Public Relations category to the Vehicle and Equipment Purchase category. Bob Dreyer made the motion to move the funds per the resolution 2017-009. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes. (copy of resolution attached)

The Board members reviewed the bills for payment for June (in the amount of \$251,616.57, list attached). Bob Dreyer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Donald Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Correspondence

Education Report

2016 Freehold Soil Conservation District Annual Report

Grown in Monmouth flyer

This Week in Farm Bureau

IX. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

1. Education Outreach:

- *Plants for Pollinators:* We gave each of the new schools fifteen potted plants (azalea, buddleia, coreopsis, verbena, butterfly milkweed and parsley) to jumpstart their pollinator gardens.
- *Trout in the Classroom:* Trout Release Day was held at the Forest Resource Education Center. 120 students released hundreds of trout into the Toms River and participated in soil, watershed, wildlife and forestry activities. We are going to be selecting new schools for the TIC 2017-2018 program.
- *Scholarships:* The eleven scholarships received will be reviewed by the committee this month.
- *Annual Report:* Has been sent to the printers and will be mailed out this month.
- *Enviroscape:* Monmouth County Junior Master Gardeners program borrowed the unit this month. We also provided pollinator themed activity booklets.
- *Photo Contest:* The brochure is being created and promotion of the contest begins this month. The deadline for entries is October 20th, 2017.
- *County Fairs:* We have reserved spaces at both the Monmouth and Middlesex County Fairs. The Monmouth Fair will be July 26th-30th and the Middlesex Fair will be August 7th-13th.

2. NJ Conservation

- *Envirothon:* The event went very well with Cedar Creek High School from Atlantic County winning the event. Twenty-nine teams participated and 100 students and advisors camped out on Friday night.
- *NJ Conservation Poster Contest:* Each of our first place winning posters were sent to Trenton for the State level contest and we had place winners in the 10-12 grades and 4-6 grades divisions. The NJ Conservation Awards Program was held mid-month and our 2017 winners attended as well as four 2016 National level winners.

X. District Manager's Report

1. Exempt Municipality Update

- Our reports for Sayreville and Piscataway were sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) in April. Sayreville was given an unsatisfactory status by the Freehold Soil Conservation District. At the June 12th SSCC meeting, the District was asked how they would like to proceed with the Sayreville status. Ines recommended that the SSCC begin the process to revoke the exempt status for Sayreville. Donald Patterson made a motion to officially begin the process to revoke the exempt status of Sayreville. Bob Dreyer seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

2. Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

- The proposed budget was reviewed by the board members. It was recommended that the number of attendees for the National and Regional Conferences be reduced. Bob Dreyer made a motion that with the reduction the proposed FY18 budget of \$2,127,768 be approved and sent to the SSCC. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

3. Staffing

- Ines is currently doing all exemption requests and most of the single family plan reviews, with assistance from Holly as needed. This adjustment has allowed the technical staff to perform more field inspections. In January the new rules and regulations will go into effect requiring developers to have to do soil remediation on the plans as well as builders on the sites. We are not sure at the time how these changes will be implemented by the inspectors in the field.

XI. Reports from other agencies represented

- none

XII: *Old Business*

- There was no old business to discuss this month.

XIII: *New Business*

1. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. There were no denied plans for May.
3. The Board has acknowledged the list of Authorizations to Discharge permits granted by the NJ DEP.

XIV: Adjournment

Donald Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Dreyer seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary