

## TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD

### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAAC) MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025– 7:00 pm

MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET

I. **Roll Call:** *Meeting began at 7:05*

**Present:** Pola Galie, Ed Tenthoff, Nicole Saviano, Alice Levas, Brian Pelloni

**Guests:** Angela Sforza, Township Liaison, Gwen Allen, Judith Wertz, Jim Burke

II. **Review/approve minutes of June 2025 Meeting**

Brian moved and Nicole seconded to accept corrected June minutes which were unanimously approved.

III. **Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes per person)**

Gwen Allen from the Dog Park reported they collected 1000 pounds of plastic wrap in 3 months.

Judith Wertz, also from the Dog Park-discussed environmental issues regarding debris at the Dog Park.

Jim Burke from Medford Commons talking of three retention basins that they own and questioned how can they be maintained. Their HOA paid to clean one pipe three times for \$1200 to \$1500 each. The basins also fill in reducing the amount of water they can hold. He questions the township about what will happen in the future.

#### **VI. Old Business**

- Sustainable NJ Certification- Re-certification submitted on 31 July. There is still an outstanding piece being worked on with Brian Cop.
- Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings Update – Ileen says GT working on the Octoberfest in terms of supporting three recycling bins. Need volunteers Saturday only, 20 September from 1 to 9 in 2-hour shifts. Request for volunteers to be sent out.  
Nicole is Ileen's right hand and will hopefully replace her.  
ANJAC wants us to work on the Skip the Stuff program. Ileen would like the Township to somehow support this and the Green amendment as well.
- Grant Applications/Projects
  1. ACE Grant for Phase II Weather Monitoring – confirmed that it is completed and will be removed from our agenda.

2. NJDCA Local Rec Improvement Grant – Canoe Trail – work has been completed
  3. AC Electric Environmental Stewardship Grant Application - Sustainable Jersey Communities - # 1 for \$5K to change Harford Crossing bicycle path to an educational trail  
Working on a grant for \$10k for sustainable energy planning.
- Trex Bench project status – Find the two benches we have lost and make a map with recognition of the efforts involved in getting the benches. We have kept 7,000 pounds of plastic out of landfills.
  - Revised Tree Ordinance/EAAC responsibilities -
  - Adopt A Drain Program (w/Brian Cop, DPW Acting Director) – Pola will develop advisory information after Oktoberfest.
  - Community Composting Project – no new information.
  - Sustainable Medford Facebook Page – We have township permission to have a FaceBook group for sustainable topics. EAAC will provide permission to post to the group as the way to monitor and control submissions.

Monitor:

- Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants (Coordination with DVRPC, Cross County Connection, NJDOT & Burlington County)
- Bike Rodeo in coordination with Police Dept.
- Open Space Acquisition- Church & Hartford Road parcel – Green Acres Grant submitted – February 2024.
- ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation
- NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation
- Green Product Education – Discussion/Continued promotions
- Utility Line Tree Cutting

**V New Business –**

- Change in Meeting Time to 6:30 pm – On a motion we will stay at 7 PM
- Sustainable Jersey Grant Applications

- Hartford Crossing Educational Trail
- Township received a large grant for bicycle and pedestrian safety. First step is a township wide survey of how people travel about the township.
- **Open Discussion**  
Eagle Scout Project – Pola mentioned a project to develop wooden signs at the dog park describing the plant and animal life in the park. Signs every 300 feet.

**V. Planning & Zoning Considerations**

- Review of Application Plans submitted to Planning & Zoning Office - Nothing

**VII. Next meeting** – September 9, 2025 @ 7 PM

**VIII. Adjournment** Brian moved and Ileen seconded to adjourn meeting and unanimously approved at 8:10.