

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
December 17, 2013

The Chairperson called the meeting order. It was stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly published and noticed as required by law."

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Wu, Mr. Rashatwar, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Hale

Absent: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Belson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Garbowski makes a motion to approve the minutes from September 10, 2013 meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Wu. Remaining present board members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sustainable Jersey – Mr. Hale made an announcement
East-West Bicycle Path – Doug Rohmeyer, from CME gave a brief description on the TCDI Grant and creating a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly Voorhees. He stated the goals of the study are to put together a planning document that identifies long and short term goals to creating a safe bicycle and pedestrian linkage between the Voorhees Town Center and the future site of the Voorhees Environmental Park. Improving the overall bikeway network linkages between the western, central and eastern sections of Voorhees Township and possible methods to improve pedestrian and bicyclists' safety on Echelon Rd., Laurel Oak Rd. and Centennial Blvd. East-West Bikeway study. He explained the team has met over the last year identifying existing conditions and discussing how the public will utilize the path. He also stated that the purpose of the is meeting is to have the public engage with project planners in face to face discussions, take part in an interactive mapping session and to learn about the latest advancements in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Along with Mr. Rohmeyer the other professionals present for the public forum are Patrick Farley, Cross County Connection; Wolfram Hoefler, Rutgers; and other consultants from the team.

Mr. Gaffney commented on whether paths will be going through open space. Mr. Rohmeyer stated that they are looking to create some roadway and off road paths.

Mrs. Atkinson wanted a more overall concept explained. Mr. Rohmeyer stated that there would be upgrading of storm water grates, crosswalks, signage and improvements to intersections.

Mr. Wu asked for a timeline, phase of study and who would monitor progress for he is concerned that the Township would not forward with the projects. Mr. Rohmeyer stated that the report/study would be presented to the Township during the first quarter of the year.

Public forum/ Breakout sessions took place.

Mr. Hale opened meeting up for formal public comments.

Seeing no further public comments Mr. Rashatwar makes a motion to close public portion, seconded by Mr. Wu.

Meeting was adjourned.

Wendy Flite/VEC Secretary