



Barnes Wildlife Preserve Commission

216 Amboy Avenue, Metuchen NJ 08840

Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2024

Chair Giamboi opened the meeting at 7:03, read the Sunshine Act, and lead a recitation of the Pledge.

Roll Call for attendance: Ken Sammond, Walter Stochel, Dorothy Giamboi, Robert Seader, Tom Walsh, Commissioners, and John Wiley, legal counsel. Guest – Peter Fairclough

Reading of minutes of October 2023. Dorothy made a motion to accept. Walter seconded. Ken said aye.

Commissioner Alternates

John suggested that we ask for alternates since there is a challenge getting enough attendance for a quorum, necessary especially for planning application reviews. All governing bodies should be asked to designate an alternate.

Dorothy suggested that we have one alternate for each of the governing bodies to ensure that we have a quorum. Ultimately, 5 alternates.

Resolution 2024.01 to request a single alternate be designated by each representative body of the commission – Dorothy made a motion. Walter seconded. All said aye.

Annual Meeting Dates

There was discussion of regular meeting dates for 2024: May 9, June 13, September 12, November 14 @ 7PM in Metuchen Borough Hall

Notifications will be made 48 hours prior to each meeting, including posts at Metuchen Borough Hall, Edison Town Hall, South Plainfield Town Hall, Middlesex County, Edison Wetlands Group, and the newspaper. Anyone can request a copy of the schedule, and we have to provide it.

Resolution 2024.2 to accept the designation of the annual and regular meetings of the commission.

Ken made a motion. Tom Seconded. All said aye.

Updates

Walter - Hike on Red County Trail, 4/20. Hike up Metuchen Road to Spring Lake Park, 6/1 @ 9 AM

Website

Ken will invite IonicNet, which created the Metuchen library website, to pitch to the Commission in June.

Peter Fairclough said he is working on a social media project for school

Adjournment - Chair Giamboi made a motion to move to closed session.