Flemington Borough Environmental Commission
Monday, January, 19th, 2026 7pm
38 Park Ave, Flemington, NJ
Reorganization Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

a. OPMA Statement

Chairwoman Swingle read the OPMA statement

b. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Milissa Swingle	Chair	X	
Chris Runion	Vice-Chair	X	
Trent Levitt	Secretary	X	
Ellen Indoe	Member		X
Ken Palminteri	Member	X	
Freddy Mejia	Member, Alt #1	X	
Adrienne Fusaro	Council Liaison	X	

II. Reports

a. Chairperson

No Chair Report

b. Council Liaison

Council Liaison Fusaro had no report
Commissioner Levitt reported that the temporary budget allocated $1,000 to the Environmental Commission, in line with prior years (**NOTE: this was found to be incorrect, the Environmental Commission is not referenced at all in the temporary budget**). He noted that historically the Commission did not use its budget and suggested that they use it this year.

c. Planning Board Liaison

Chairwoman Swingle reported there are currently no applications to review. Spark Car Wash will be returning to the Planning Board with an updated plan. The Commission restated its desire to see a better water usage plan. Chairwoman Swingle said there was not one.

d. Shade Tree Liaison

Commissioner Levitt reported that the Shade Tree Commission has received a draft of the new shade tree ordinance that had been discussed at the 2024-07-08 special joint meeting. The Shade Tree Commission is working on it. Commissioner Levitt regretted not bringing it to the Environmental Commission's attention for review at this meeting.

e. Committee Reports

Commissioner Levitt discussed updating the Borough's lighting ordinance which could involve forming a committee. Council Member Fusaro asked for clarification on what aspects of lighting the ordinance would regulate. The Commission agreed to get a cost estimate from Planner McManus to update the Borough's lighting ordinance. Council Member Fusaro and Commissioner Mejia discussed whether the ordinance should regulate decorative holiday lights.

III. Public Comment

One member of the public was present. There were no comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Levitt moved to approve the 2025-11-03 minutes. Chairwoman Swingle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

V. Site Plan Reviews

No Site Plan to review

VI. General Business

a. Vice-Chair

Chairwoman Swingle nominated Commissioner Runion, Commissioner Palminteri seconded. No other nominations were made. All were in favor

b. Nomination of Secretary

Chairwoman Swingle nominated Commissioner Levitt, Commissioner Palminteri seconded. Unfortunately, no other nominations were made. Commissioners Swingle, Runion, Palminteri, & Mejia voted in favor. Commissioner Levitt voted against. Commissioner Levitt was confirmed as the Secretary for the Commission.

c. Approval of Meeting Schedule

The Commission approved the proposed meeting schedule.

VII. Chair Items

a. Ordinance Review

Chairwoman Swingle reiterated the three ordinances the Commission had been considering, lighting, bamboo, and shade tree. She explained that the driving issue behind the bamboo ordinance had been resolved and the Commission would not move forward with the ordinance.
Commissioner Palminteri suggested introducing pandas to control the bamboo issue.
Commissioner Levitt noted that he believed nothing in State law prohibited the Commission from opening a Zoo provided there was sufficient funding.
Commissioner Levitt explained the reason for the length of time it took for the shade tree ordinance to be drafted and what stage in the process it was in
Commissioner Mejia left at 7:35pm

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Approved 2026-02-17