Flemington Borough Environmental Commission
Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 7pm
38 Park Ave, Flemington, NJ
Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm

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

Chair Swingle reported the Borough Cleanup day went well and that 8 or 9 people plus some Boy Scouts attended. Main St Bagel provided bagels and Krauzer's donated water. The group cleaned up all the locations trolley stops for the Historic House Tours. They ended up with about 6 bags of trash.

b. Council Liaison

Councilwoman Fusaro reported that the bamboo ordinance was passed. She further stated that there may be additional things to consider, such as other plants to restrict, in addition to bamboo.

c. Planning Board Liaison

Chair Swingle said there are two applications on the agenda today.

d. Shade Tree Liaison

Secretary Levitt reported that the shade tree ordinance has been transmitted to the Planning Board for review.

e. Committee Reports

No Report

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments

IV. Approval of Minutes

Chair Swingle moved to approve the 2026-04-21 minutes. Secretary Levitt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

V. Site Plan Reviews

a. YMCA

Chair Swingle reported that the applicant requested a waiver for an EIS. A temporary waiver was granted by the Planning Board pending final recommendation by the Environmental Commission. Chair Swingle and Councilwoman Fusaro went through the proposed additions and upgrades. Secretary Levitt was of the opinion an EIS for an existing pool renovation would be a giant waste of the applicant's time and money. Councilwoman Fusaro agreed. The Commission was unanimous in the opinion that an EIS was unnecessary. Chair Swingle said she would report the decision to the applicant's attorney.

b. Flemington Raritan Rescue Squad

Chair Swingle reported that the application was not yet deemed complete and the Planning Board's engineer had requested additional details. It was decided that Commission would wait until the application was deemed complete to review the plans.

VI. General Business

a. Ordinance Review

i. NWF Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Chair Swingle reported that we had received an email from Julia Whitley, a resident on Bonnell St about the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, encouraging the Borough to participate. Chair Swingle said she would let Councilwoman Fusaro take the lead on it. Councilwoman Fusaro asked if there were any additional details on the project so she could discuss it with Mayor Karrow. Chair Swingle explained there was only what was in the email. Councilwoman Fusaro said she would reach out to Ms. Whitley and inquire further into what the pledge would entail.

ii. Lighting Ordinance

Secretary Levitt reported that he had not made any progress on the ordinance. Councilwoman Fusaro asked about holding off on the ordinance until seeing the effect of the Union Hotel opening. Secretary Levitt believed the hotel wouldn't have much bearing on how we wrote the ordinance. Chair Swingle questioned whether the ordinance would apply to only new site plans, replacement in kind, or any upgrade in lighting. Secretary Levitt posited that any replacement in kind would not have the new ordinance apply, but any upgrade or change would be under the new ordinance regardless of whether it triggered a new site plan application. Chair Swingle said she would ask the planning board attorney for clarification.

VII. Chair Items

There were no chair items.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Approved 2026-07-21