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Florence, New Jersey 08518
March 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Florence Township Environmental Commission was held on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read: "I would like to announce that this meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been provided to the official newspapers and posted in the main hall of the Municipal Complex".

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were found to be present:

Melanie Mieczkowski	Talaya Loftin, Council Representative
David Mudge	Tina Lloyd, Planning Board Rep
Deepa Patel	

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Lovenduski, Shade Tree Commission
Anne-Marie Hellmann, Clerk of the Commission

ABSENT: Michelle Ryan-Krzykalski, Dave Yansick, Paul Ordog

MINUTES

A Motion was made by Ms. Mieczkowski, seconded by Ms. Patel to accept the minutes from February 4, 2026. Motion unanimously approved by all members present. Ms. Lloyd abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

The weekend after Earth Day is opening day for baseball & softball so the Commission is planning an event on May 2. There will be an event at the Community Gardens for residents to help prep the garden with weeding, mulching, and planting. The Girl Scouts have already volunteered to mulch and weed the pollinator garden which is at the Florence Garden and the Roebling Garden has already been mulched.

The Commission would like to start advertising for garden plots on April 6 to give residents time to sign up for a plot and for plots to be assigned before the event on May 2. A letter or email will go out to the residents who had plots last year to see their intent for this year.

There is also a need for a resident who lives close to the Florence Community Garden who can help with the maintenance, like watering throughout the summer.

Council Rep. Loftin would also like to get the Environmental Commission's webpage up and running for Earth Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was the Motion of Ms. Patel, seconded by Ms. Mieczkowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

MRK/amh

Michelle Ryan-Krzykalski, Secretary