

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK  
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2**

*Establishment of Environmental/Shade Tree Advisory Committee*

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK wishes to broaden participation by the public in local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to create by ordinance an Edgewater Park Environmental/Shade Tree Advisory Committee to guide the Township Committee in connection with governing the affairs of the TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK that there is hereby established an Environmental/Shade Tree Advisory Committee to assist the Township Committee with its governing of municipal affairs.

Section 1. Membership, appointment, terms and vacancies.

- a. The Environmental/Shade Tree Advisory Committee shall consist of a maximum of five members and two alternate members to be selected by the Mayor of the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park. The Mayor shall select a Township Committee member as liaison; liaison shall be a full member with the right to vote.
- b. Appointments shall be made to staggered three (3) year terms. The term of Township Committee liaison shall be for one year. Any vacancy occurring during the term of the appointment shall be filled for the unexpired term only. The Mayor shall designate one member of the environmental committee as chairman and presiding officer of the committee. Alternate appointments shall be made to staggered two year terms. Any vacancy occurring during the term of the appointment shall be filled for the unexpired term only.
- c. The committee members shall be residents of the township and shall remain residents of the township during their terms. A member, who, subsequent to his appointment, shall maintain an address as his or her principal primary residence that is not an Edgewater Township address, shall immediately vacate and forfeit his membership on the Committee; and until a subsequent appointment shall be made the post shall be deemed vacant. The committee is advisory only, and shall have no right or ability to spend money or incur any debt without prior Township Committee approval.

Section 2. The Environmental/Shade Tree Advisory Committee is created for the protection, development and use of the natural land, air and water resources located

within the township and shall have the following duties:

- a. To conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the township;
- b. To coordinate the activities of the unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes;
- c. Upon approval from the Township Committee to advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its purposes;
- d. To keep an index of all open areas, publicly and privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, and to obtain information on the proper use of such areas;
- e. To recommend, from time to time, to the planning board, plans and programs for inclusion in the master plan of the township, for development and use of the township's natural resources;
- f. To study and make recommendations concerning open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance, marine resources and protection of flora and fauna;
- g. To review and submit recommendations concerning those actions and policies of the municipal planning board, recreation advisory committee, sewage authority and board of health as they affect the quality of life and natural resources of the township;
- h. To perform such other acts as are reasonably related to and designed to carry out the purposes and objectives of the committee;
- i. To keep records of the meetings and activities of the committee and to make an annual report to the township committee of the township of Edgewater Park.
- j. To make recommendations for the regulation, planting, care and control of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery upon and along the streets, highways, public places, parks and parkways of the township, except county parks or parkways, recommendations shall be made upon consultation with the Superintendent of Public Works.
- k. The Environmental/Shade Tree Advisory Committee shall not have the voting authority to expend funds and any recommendations must be submitted to Township Committee.

Section 3. If a court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Edgewater Park heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

#### **NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION**

The foregoing was introduced by the Edgewater Park Township Committee at its meeting held on April 5, 2016. This ordinance will be consider for adoption of final reading and public hearing to be held on April 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, in the Municipal Building, 400 Delanco Road, Edgewater Park, New Jersey. At which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Linda M. Dougherty, R.M.C.,  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator