

BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 27, 2016 Agenda

Call to order and attendance.

Minutes for approval: September 22, 2016

Business:

- 2016 ANJEC Environmental Commission grant – Ongoing. Need volunteers to take photos, do research on any history, landmarks. Jim sent photos from Tamarack, Jefferson Glen Bike Path and Briar Ridge Trails. Donna F. provided Navitend with sample template on Tamarack Park Trail. Reminder - members need to keep track of their hours worked.
- Green Infrastructure Initiative - NJ Future meeting initial draft proposal of stormwater runoff techniques within Byram Township
- Byram School Request - received request to have EC member view 7th grade project (on water conservation and water crisis in Sudan) and provide water conservation strategies. Scheduled for 1:30-2:30 on Fri. Nov. 4th
- Tilcon Quarry - review request for annual quarry license application
- 50 Miler Byram Events - Oct. 28th Dinner (Jim to represent EC), and Oct. 29th Walk on Hudson
- 2017 Meeting Dates - review/approve
- New Member Request - Eric Duch
- Town Committee Collaboration Meeting held 9/29 - update from Lisa (quarterly joint meetings with Open Space/EC/Recreation Committees?)
- Byram Day Wrap-up: Name the Lakes Game - we collected emails from residents, should we send an email to them to solicit their help for trail clean-ups, etc.?
- EC Request - obtain understanding of the Planning Board process and timeline of submissions, their review, scheduling of their appearance, etc.
- DEP Permit Request - IAT Reinsurance Co. (Steve Polanish) - a new culvert is proposed to replace a deteriorated structure which crosses a portion of Lubbers run and provides access to residential improvements located at 288 Lackawanna Drive.
- Ongoing:
 1. Amphibian Tunnel Grant - CW wanted a letter of support from the EC. Donna K was to send a sample letter to all members before sending the letter to Kelly Tiece (after approval by Joe). Update?

2. Septic Management Program – discuss program and fee - Update
3. Retention Basins - discuss sending a letter to DPW about cleaning, then posting “No Dumping” signs at storm drains and retention basins - Update

Planning Board Applications:

- Cartridge Actuated Devices (CAD) - the following comments were received and submitted to C. White:
 1. I am concerned about the area that looks like a gravel parking area south of the new building. What is its function, material (need detail), if it is parking how many spots will there be and why is it outside the construction fence?
 2. Sediment and Erosion Control Plan – the notes call for using a fertilizer that does not meet the NJ standards. I would also like a request made to confirm the landscaping professionals that will be employed are certified fertilizer applicators.

Trails:

- Fall trail maintenance day (Briar Ridge and Glenside Trails) 10/22 - postponed due to inclement weather

Expenditures and budget - Any More Expensive for 2016?

- Memberships: \$565 for membership dues (ANJEC, MWA, NYNJ Trail Conference, Arbor Day, & Shade Tree) of our \$2600 budget. YTD spend \$620
- \$200 to Conserve Wildlife for Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration.
- \$75 for Byram Day - \$25 for seedlings from NJ State Forestry Services, \$50 for Sunnyside gift cert.
- Vote on \$ for either a magnet or postcard for next year's recycle schedule - as per Doris, no postcard will be issued
- Plan 2017 Budget

Reports from committees:

- Musconetcong River: Michelle
- Open Space Committee: Michelle
- Council: Dave
- Board of Health: Dave

Open for comments, suggestions, questions.

Adjourn.