

# BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## AGENDA, APRIL 23, 2015

Call to order and attendance. March 26 minutes for approval.

### **Correspondence and updates:**

NJ Shade Tree Federation: Membership cards for Dave, James, Lisa, Cathy, Michelle (only 5 allowed).

Sustainable Jersey: Offering help to obtain certification; Byram is registered, not certified.

Various ANJEC publications.

BEM Systems Response Action Outcome Notice for Stanhope Electrical Facility PI ID: 031965: Consultants report on fuel tank spills at NJDOT facility on Route 206 in Byram. Unclear what this response answers regarding this site. *John reviewed it.*

### **Business:**

Conservation Easement grant: Coming to a close; EC to review brochure and maps.

Soil ordinance: Subcommittee of John, Katie, Dave to produce draft ordinance to be submitted to Planning Board and Council at once.

### **Planning Board:**

- Applications:
  - ✓ Jefferson Lake Day Camp: on June 4 Planning Board agenda. Amended site plan—replace 4 buildings with 2 buildings.
  - ✓ Preziosa, 10 Marine Terrace: add 20 x 30 deck; side and front variances.
  - ✓ Lake Mohawk Pool & Spa: for parking easement on residential lot and for turning tennis courts into parking area; no current application for houses on two residential lots. Put off to May 21 Planning Board agenda. County revoked septic permits for 2 lots.
  - ✓ Garrity, Laurel Cove, Cranberry Lake: approved April 2.
  - ✓ Edwards application: Approved on April 2, with conditions.
  - ✓ Steep slope ordinance: in general has been applied, whether or not an actual approval or permit has been sought. Make this clear in the ordinance?

### Trails:

- Spring trail work and National Trails Day (June 1: work at Johnson Lake; repairs needed on Jefferson-Glen Bike Trail). Rob Davidson of the Salt Shakers offers their help with these projects (including the ANJEC grant—see below). March 28 trail maintenance workshop at Salt—Jim could not go.
- Applications available for federal Recreational Trails grants (maximum \$24,000 plus 20% match; application due April 30). Johnson Lake?
- 2015 ANJEC grants for open space stewardship: Application for \$1,500 to remove downed trees at Brookwood Park (with in-kind supplied by work on trails and bench/picnic table work at the Park). Announcement of grant awards 4/22.
- 20 trailhead signs: DPW purchasing 5 more posts (which need shaping) plus hardware; DPW will affix signs to posts; Township Manager will rent augur to install with EC help.

### Forestry:

- No Net Loss tree planting grant application: Submitted to NJDEP 12/18/14 for \$317,554. Planting plan for 1,058 trees due by mid 2015; Margaret will submit general plan by early May and then seek contractor.
- NJ Tree Recovery Campaign 2015: James and Donna distributed Sat. April 17.

Musconetcong River: Michelle/Scott. MWA/MRMC re: coffer dams under Route 206 bridge—status? William Penn Foundation grant funding for projects including Lubbers Run?

Report from EC liaison to Open Space Committee: Michelle. Consideration of land swap with Wild West City.

Report from Dave Gary, Council liaison to EC: Status of better process with Sussex County Division of Health and with Planning Board applications. (Bulk standards at Cranberry Lake?)

Recycling Center signage: Margaret contacted ReCommunity; no response.

### Adjourn.