BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 22, 2016Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30; in attendance -- James Myers, Michelle Rehse, Jim Reinhold, Catherine Varian, Lisa Shimamoto, Steven Levy, Nora Amato, Donna Koenig, and guest Kelly Triece from Conservation Wildlife

August 25, 2016Minutes approved by Jim, seconded by Lisa

Business:

- Update fromKelly Triece on the status of the amphibian tunnel grant--NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has agreed to be the grant applicant. CW would like a letter of of support from the EC. Kelly left us with a sample letter which Donna will send out to all members before forwarding onto Kelly.
- 2016 ANJEC Environmental Commission grant –Ongoing. Need volunteers to take photos, do research on any history, landmarks. Donna finalizing mock up for Ian at Navitend
- Share the Woods signs –Brought it to Joe's attention -- no need to post signs on Byram Trails as they are not used by hunters.Donna to email hunting trails to members.
- Byram Day Planning:
    - Jim took box of set-up stuff for the booth; Donna to bring trees, candy, signs. Set up is 10 AM Saturday
    - Familiarized ourselves with theHabitat Protection Game from ANJEC. Decided to scale the game down (change rules a little). Donna to return game after Byram Day
    - Nicole from Conserve Wildlife to share our table
    - Finalized the 11:00-5:00 schedule
- Voted not to renew our membership to NJ Highlands Coalition
- Ongoing - Retention Basins - Discuss sending a letter to DPW about cleaning, then posting "No Dumping" signs at storm drains and retention basins
- Ongoing - Septic Management Program – Discuss program and fee

Planning Board Applications:

No applications this month.

Trails:

- Decided on October 22, 2016 for trail maintenance day. Will meet at the municipal building tennis courts at 9 am and break up into 2 groups for Briar Ridge and Glenside trails. Donna to send out details to volunteers (volunteer list, what to bring list)

Expenditures and budget:

Memberships: $565 for membership dues (ANJEC, MWA, NYNJ Trail Conference, Arbor Day, & Shade Tree) of our $2600 budget.

- $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 years recycle schedule

Reports from committees:

- Musconetcong River: Michelle – none to report
- Open Space Committee:Michelle – none to report
- Council: Dave
- Board of Health - Dave

Adjourn: 9:30