

BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
October 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. Members present included: Eric Duch, Michelle Rehse, Jim Reinhold, Lisa Shimamoto and Secretary, Donna Fett.

A motion was made by Jim, and seconded by Lisa to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2017 meeting.

New Business:

- Review EC Mission Statement - EC reviewed the mission statement and the Township ordinance which established the creation of the EC. Eric distributed the Sparta EC mission statement which was then reviewed. It was determined that no changes should be made to the mission statement at this time. Jim Reinhold is representing the EC in the annual Township Committee Chair meeting to be held on October 30th. The EC mission statement will be discussed again next month.

Ongoing Business:

- Recycling Postcard - EC reviewed the draft postcard and had no additional comments. They suggested placing extra postcards on the Township park kiosk(s). EC Secretary will send the draft postcard for Township management approval and hopes to have this issued in late November.

Planning Board Applications:

- Gallagher - 78 Birch Parkway - applicant is seeking variances for a left yard setback and to exceed allowable size of accessory structure to reconstruct a boat house. EC reviewed this application and had the following comment:
 - Please be aware of Township ordinance: the setback of the building from existing lake, pond, stream or wetland shall be a minimum of 50 feet, measured from the 100 year flood line. This setback shall include a 10' wide vegetated buffer along at least 80% of the water's edge.
- P R DeRosa Enterprises, LLC - 262 Route 206 (current Trailerama site) - applicant requests to renovate the existing Trailerama sales and storage facility to a marine, trailer and snowmobile service, sales and storage facility. EC reviewed this application and had the following comments:
 - Please provide a plan for the handling of waste oils from the service area.
 - Please provide a plan on how the wetlands will be protected against accidental spillage.
 - Please advise if the applicant will be storing vehicles, boats and snowmobiles on-site and where on site this will occur.

Trails:

- Trail Maps "App" Status - Deferred until next meeting as Katie B. was not present
- Schedule Fall Clean-up Day - EC would like to do this on Sunday, Nov. 5th at 12:30pm. EC Secretary conveyed Joe Sabatini's suggestion to hold this at Brookwood Park. EC would like to meet at Tamarack Park and would like to work on water run-off management (by the entrance and vernal pool in particular). EC would like to post this on Byram Facebook Page, along with a polling feature to get an estimate on the number of people who would participate. Volunteers will be asked to bring shovel, pick, hoe, small saws, gloves, etc. EC Secretary will provide hold harmless agreements, trash bags and gloves.

Expenditures and Budget:

- Budget of \$2,600 with a balance remaining of \$1,721
- Eric will provide a recommended trail maintenance book(s) for consideration as an EC library addition

Reports From Committees:

Open Space Committee - currently working on irrigation at Tamarack Park.

Recreation Committee - next meeting is November 8

Other:

- Twp Forester Update - EC Secretary shared status/update reports from Forester. The report referenced "stands" and EC Secretary was asked to determine the locations of the "stands" on the trails. In addition, EC requests to have a copy of the survey of wetlands and vernal pools for rare plants and herptiles referenced in task 9.
- DPW advised that EC members cannot use town's equipment; however, they can use personal "light" weed whackers during trail clean-up events. DPW provided a listing of fungicides, herbicides and pesticides used and this will be added to the EC Library.
- Economic Development Committee - this committee is not yet active. As per ordinance, members are appointed by council and will be comprised of five to nine members of the general public. There is no EC liaison position.
- Mansfield Woods Trail - after Eric reported an overturned bench and trash bags on trail, DPW moved the bench to its original spot and removed the trash bags. DPW asks that if EC members are on a trail and see trash/trash bags, please bring the trash to the trailhead for removal.
- RFP for garbage and recycling services is targeted for final Council review next month.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Next meeting is **MONDAY**, November 18, 2017.