



Environmental Commission Minutes September 25, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members	
Peter Dlugos – Chair	X
Eric Duch - Co-Chair	X
Dana Flynn	X
Christine Aboulhosn	X
James Myers	X
Lisa Shimamoto	X
Randy Gutwein	X
Andrew McElroy – PB Liaison	-
Harvey Roseff – Council Liaison	X
Elaine Evers – Secretary	X

Open Public Meeting Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting has been published specifying the time and access information in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has also been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram’s website no less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Environmental Commission Secretary.

Public Participation and Open Forum – No one in attendance.

Review of August 2025 Meeting Minutes – Approved.

Committee Reports

- **MRMC** – Last meeting August 19; next meeting October 21 (no meeting to report).
- **Open Space** – Last meeting August 11; next meeting October 13 (no meeting to report).
- **Council** – Last meeting September 16; next meeting October 7.
 - Harvey provided an update on Field 8 improvements, which led to further discussion about intended use.
- **Byram Trail Keepers**
 - Peter shared that 11 people are signed up to be Trail Keepers (3 couples included), and most assignments have been made (currently 9 miles of trail to cover).
 - Work continues preparing the “My Map” for public use; a QR code will need to be printed for use at trail heads.
 - There was also some discussion about desirability of printed maps of individual trails (would be located at trailheads).

New Business

- Waterloo Interpretive Hike with BTHS
 - Peter debriefed; good turnout and future collaborations will be welcome.
- Resident request: Free shred event to perhaps correspond with Earth Day.
 - Request discussed and it was decided it would not be the best fit for the EC.
- Preparing for prescribed burn in Tamarack Park
 - Peter will consult with Open Space on timing and messaging.



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- Planning for upcoming fall events took place:
 - 9/27: Homeowner's Guide to Invasive Plants (Forest Lakes Club), 10 a.m. at Main Beach
 - 9/27: Riverside Park and Tilcon Lake Cleanup, (MWA & NJ Resources), time TBD
 - Postponed until spring.
 - 10/4: Hudson Farm Charity Hike (table setup at 7 a.m.)
 - Meeting with DEP representatives regarding Hudson Farm conservation easement trails.
 - Date TBD
 - 10/10: Sussex County Trails Partnership Meeting scheduled at 9:30 a.m. in Chamber Building, Newton.
 - Peter will attend.
 - 11/22: Simple Bare Necessities Talk and Demo, 2 p.m. at Louise Childs Library.
 - Dana is finalizing program.
 - TBD: River Cleanup with West Brookwood Assoc.? (around Thanksgiving is preferred).
 - EC/BTC Fall Recreational Hike was scheduled for 10/19.
 - Trail Building/Reroute Day at Cranberry Overlook was scheduled for 11/9.
- Use of remaining EC budget was discussed. Peter would like to use remaining funds to buy materials for deer enclosures. Commission determined to hold off on purchasing until plans and budget are finalized for the SBN talk on 11/22.

Planning Board Applications – None this month.

Old Business

- Riparian Buffer Ordinance (no update).
- Collaboration with Stanhope EC and MWA on water quality project(s): Drain Way project.
- Mansfield Trail Superfund Site
 - Lisa briefed the commission on the last CAG meeting.
- Lake Management Plan (no update).
- "Dirty Dirt" on Hemlock Dr. (no update).
- EC member spotlights on social media (deferred).
- EC newsletter for expanded outreach (deferred).

Training

- NJUCF CEUs count 5 (Dana 1.5; Peter 6.5) (need to confirm with NJUCF)

Membership – Alternate II position is vacant.

Budget – Approximately \$1,500 remaining.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for October 23.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.