

Environmental Commission
September 26, 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Roll Call

<i>Dana Flynn</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	X
<i>Eric Duch</i>	<i>Vice Chairperson</i>	
<i>Lisa Shimamoto</i>	<i>Member</i>	X
<i>Peter Dlugos</i>	<i>Member</i>	X
<i>James Myers</i>	<i>Member</i>	X
<i>Christine Aboulhosn</i>	<i>Member</i>	X
	<i>Member</i>	
	<i>Alternate 1</i>	
	<i>Alternate 2</i>	
<i>Andrew McElroy</i>	<i>Planning Board Liaison</i>	
<i>Harvey Roseff</i>	<i>Council Liaison</i>	X
<i>Elaine Evers</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	X

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM.

Public Participation – Two residents attended meeting:

Judy Brummer-Jecko (brummerjecj1c@verizon.net)
Randy Gutwein (randygutwein@gmail.com)

Open Public Meeting Statement

Review of Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Lisa, seconded by Christine.

Planning Board Applications – Environmental Commission Comments

Z16-2024 Block 283 Lot 242, 5 Crescent Drive North (Oluwasijibomi Oluwalanke) (retaining wall)

- Landscaping plans should be provided. Recommend native plantings above retaining wall.

Z17-2024 Block 255 Lot 1, 175 Lake Drive, David Del Franco (fence, chicken coop, and pool)

- -Will the chicken coop have any associated fencing? Recommend that the coop structure be moved away from the property corner and therefore, further away from the lake and adjacent wetlands. Currently, it is nearly on the property line and too close to neighbors and adjacent regulated areas, where it may affect water quality/runoff.
- -EC recommends moving the proposed fence away from the street (>3 feet) since it may affect views from the street.

Z18-2024 Block 360 Lot 28, 2 Jones Lane, Michael Koval (garage extension)

- Where will roof (gutter) runoff from the garage be directed?

Committee Reports

MRMC - Last meeting, Aug.20; next meeting Oct. 15

- No updates.

Recreation - Last meeting, Sept. 10; next meeting Oct. 8

- No updates. Events discussed under New Business.

Open Space – Last meeting Aug. 12 (cancelled) / next meeting Oct. 7

- No meetings have been held since June. Peter noted that an updated should be provided by the Township forested in October. Re-mapping trails will hopefully move forward.

Council – Last meeting Sept. 17 / next meeting Oct. 1

- Bidding was opened for Field 8 improvements at CO Johnson
- Lake Management Plan was reviewed at the last meeting, vote to be conducted in October.
- Stormwater code (state requirement) updates - fair housing plans not yet finalized. Flood code was also updated.
- BTHS – hosting a “Spirit of Byram” fundraiser at the Cranbury Lake Firehouse on Nov. 22 (bourbon tasting). October 12 is Sussex County History Day – Roseville Schoolhouse will be open.

New Business

Events Recap – Byram Fest/Scavenger Hunt

- Byram Fest was a successful event for the EC. High turnout.
- Family Scavenger Hunt – 25+ kids participated, positive feedback.

Final Byram Lakes and Watersheds Management Plan

- Dana provided an overview of the final plan changes and the previous Council meeting. Led to a discussion about septic systems and ongoing issues. Implementation of any proposed actions in the plan TBD.

Avian Wildlife Center Presentation (Nov. 3 @ 2 p.m.)

- Vendor needs to return completed W-9 form so payment may be issued. Elaine to follow up. Flyer promoting this upcoming event at Cranberry Firehouse being created and will be printed/distributed.

MWA Septic Inspection course

- Peter provided an overview of course offering from MWA to learn to inspect/maintain septic systems. Two-part weekend class - 1 classroom and 1 session in the field, using tools. Cost is \$50 per kit. MWA can take 12-15 people. Peter to gauge interest among lake communities.

Fall EC hike or trail clean-up

- Peter suggested hiking the Wolf Lake Trail while doing some moderate trail maintenance. Harvey noted that the BTHS has funds and they may be able to partner with BTHS if there is a historical aspect to the Wolf Lake Trail.

Old Business

Mission Statement – future meeting discussion

Mansfield Trail Superfund Site – Dana provided an overview of recent emails about resident concerns with the Superfund site and communication with Hopatcong EC. Lisa noted that ANJEC emails were forwarded to Pat Seppi at the EPA. There is a CAG meeting in October where this recent concern should be voiced.

Training-

NJUCF Re-certification (12/2024) – 8.0 CEUs completed (Peter and Christine obtained 1.5 CEUs each).

Membership

Alternate I and II positions are currently vacant. Peter asked two residents in attendance to let EC know if they have any interest in applying for one of these vacant positions.

Budget

Balance = \$74.21 (provided by Ashleigh)

Vote to spend remaining budget (\$74.21) to reimburse Peter for Byram Fest educational EC materials – motion by Lisa, seconded by James. All in favor. Elaine to follow up.

Other

Next Meeting to be held October 24, 2024 in-person

Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Lisa, seconded by Christine at 9:10 p.m.