

# BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 21, 2016 Agenda

Call to order and attendance.

Minutes for approval: October 27, 2016

## **New Business:**

- Annual EC Accomplishments - All - due by November 28th.
- Boys Scouts - Donna F. to provide update.
- New Grant Opportunity - All
  - NJDEP Conserve Wildlife Grant is available for the following projects: education/outreach, research, management or habitat protection. Grants from range \$1,000-\$3500 and the application deadline is Thurs., Dec. 15th.
- Training - All
  - ANJEC sponsored training class to be held on Nov. 29th from 6-9pm at Stockton University with the topic of "Municipal Environmental Resource Inventories & How to Use Them".
- Postcard - Byram Twp. may issue a postcard with recycling information this year.
- Trex Recycling Challenge - Donna F. to provide update.
- 2017 Topics of Interest/Goals - All - need to plan this.

## **Ongoing:**

- Amphibian Tunnel Grant - Donna F. to provide update.
- 2016 ANJEC Environmental Commission Grant - Donna F. to provide update. Trails and the responsible EC member for creating trail documents for website are as follows (thank you for volunteering, we still need a volunteer for Briar Ridge and Glenside Woods):
  - Brookwood Park, Mansfield Bike and Mansfield Woods - Lisa
  - Tamarack Park - Steve and Donna K.
  - Sussex Branch/Byram Section - Steve and Jim
  - Jefferson Glen Bike Path and Cat Swamp Connector - James
  - CO Johnson Park - Donna K.
  - Cranberry Overlook - Jim
  - Briar Ridge - ?
  - Glenside Woods - ?
- Retention Basins - Donna F. to provide update
- Mansfield Dump Site - Donna F. to provide update.
- Septic Management Program - This will be dropped from future agendas at this time.
- Green Infrastructure Initiative (Storm Water Management Techniques) - Donna F. to provide update.
- Byram Day Wrap-up: Donna F. to provide update.

- Storm Water Management Program - Determine if EC wants to participate in any of the options to accumulate points in 2017 (example, EC could sponsor a poster contest at school).
- Natural Resource Inventory List for Byram - Donna K. to provide update.
- Byram School Request/Water Conservation Project - Donna F. to provide update.
- Tilcon Quarry Annual License Application - James to provide an update.
- 50 Miler Byram Events - James to provide an update.
- Rec/Open Space Meetings - Nora was unable to attend the 11/2 Rec Committee meeting, but Shawn Armstrong is planning on attending the Nov. 21, 2016 EC meeting.
- 2017 Meeting Dates - Updated on EC website.
- EC Member Term Expirations - Three members' terms are up for re-appointment the end of 2016 and all three requested re-appointment (D. Koenig, J. Myers, and J. Reinhold).

### **Planning Board Applications:**

- JP Morgan Chase - This application is to rebrand the former Lakeland Bank to a new Chase Bank. This request includes the following:
  - New signage
  - New building entrance canopy
  - Reconfiguration of the parking area along the front of the building
  - Reconfiguration of the ATM and drive-through
  - New sidewalks and sight lighting
 Note that it has NOT yet been deemed complete by the Planning Board (this is scheduled for their discussion on 11/17). However, it was decided to release this to EC earlier in order to provide time for EC review and comments. Donna F. will advise if this was deemed complete at our next meeting. Final comments are due back to Planning Board by Dec. 5th.
- Joseph Olivo - This application is to review request on a deck which was constructed without first obtaining a permit, located on 29 Old Stage Coach Road

**Trails** - Any activity to report? Establish schedule for 2017 with priority on Tamarack Park Trail for spring maintenance?

### **Expenditures and Budget:**

- 2016 YTD spent \$924 - All
- Plan 2017 Budget - All

### **Reports from Committees:**

- Musconetcong River: Michelle
- Open Space Committee: Michelle
- Council: Dave
- Board of Health: Dave

Open for comments, suggestions, questions.

### **Adjourn.**