

BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 27, 2017 Agenda

Call to order and attendance.

Minutes for approval: March 23, 2017 (note change to Briar Ridge Trails, not Glenside)

New Business:

- Tamarack Field and Park Grand Opening
- Byram Twp. New Recreation Programs: 50 Mile Club & Second Saturday Hikes
- Nat'l Trails Day
- NJDEP Youth Fishing Event
- Mosquito Awareness Week - June 25-July 1

Ongoing:

- Arbor Day Planning Discussion
- ANJEC 2016 Grant
- ANJEC 2017 Open Space Grant
- Spring Trail Clean-up Results
- Amphibian Tunnel Project/Migration

Planning Board Applications:

- Finegan

Trails:

- Trail Maps Apps

Expenditures and Budget:

- Budget \$2600, with a balance remaining of \$1762
 - \$98 spent on tree seedlings for Arbor Day Event
 - \$270 spent on trail blazes from Voss Signs

Reports from Committees:

Rec/Open Space Meeting Updates:

Open for comments, suggestions, questions.

Next Meeting - May 25, 2017

Adjourn

150205. 50 Mile Challenge

50 Mile Challenge is a Spring into Summer Dare. You have until Sept 1 to complete 50 miles on any of Byram's many trails, or trails in surrounding areas. That's only 2 - 3 miles a week! Track your miles using a smartphone app, fit bit or pedometer, then log them on the attached log. Walk on your own or with a group of family and friends. Join Second Saturday Hikes (one Friday evening) each month. Register for the 50 Mile Challenge online, by mail, or in person. Prizes will be awarded at Byram Day on Sept. 9 to all who meet the challenge!

570210. Second Saturday (One Friday evening) Hikes

Location: Various Byram Trails

Cost: Free

Length of Program: 1.5 - 2.5 hours

Instructor: Janet Meisner

Second Saturday Hikes highlight various trails in Byram Township. The hikes are open to families with children as well as avid hikers. Groups may begin together and spread out along the trail to meet different hikers needs. These are no hiker left behind hikes. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water.

Sat May 13 Tamarack Park Opening Day - Tamarack Trail. Enjoy the celebration of opening a new park and trail. Free lunch and activities.

Start anytime between 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Easy/moderate difficulty

Approximately 1.6 miles

Start Location: Parking lots at CO Johnson Park. Register at the trail head on Roseville Road. Take a shuttle bus back to CO Johnson Park or walk back

Fri June 9 Summer Solstice Hike - Sussex Branch Trail. Bring a flashlight and wear glow-in-the-dark necklaces for evening fun.

7:30 pm start

Relatively flat and easy terrain

Approximately 1.5 - 2 miles out and the same distance back

Start Location: Sussex Branch Parking lot on Waterloo Rd across from Continental Drive

Sat. July 8 Independence Hike - Jefferson Glen Bike Path - Celebrate our early presidents and America's Independence. It's a Red, White and Blue kind of week.

9:00 am start

Easy/Moderate difficulty

2 miles out and 2 miles back

Start location: Take Hi-Glen Dr across from Shoprite Plaza all the way to the end (road name changes to Louis, then Drexel). Park in the cul-de-sac at the end of Drexel Dr.

Sat Aug 12 Summer Heat Hike - Cat Swamp, Jefferson Glen, Sussex Branch, and Cat Swamp - Hangin' with the Cool Cats in the Swamp. If you don't have cat ears, wear bright sun orange. Bring your cat-like reflexes to climb over the rocks.

9:00 am start

Moderate difficulty

Approximately 3-mile loop

Start locations: Back parking lot of Salt Gastropub

Sat Sept 9 Byram Day Run/Walk - Mansfield Bike Path - Walk or run and enjoy the festival afterwards. Check out food vendors, free inflatable rides, touch-a-truck, demonstrations and music at the festival. Look for Mario Brothers at this event.

10:15 am start, 9:30 - 10:00 registration

Easy/moderate terrain. All-terrain strollers are welcome

Approximately 3 miles (5K)

Start location: Park at the Byram Schools parking lot. Walk to Neil Gylling Park for registration

Sat Oct 14 Fall Foliage Hike - Tamarack Park, pass Johnson Lake to Cranberry Overlook. Check out the fall foliage as you look down over Cranberry Lake and towards the Delaware Water Gap. Bring a snack to enjoy at the top while you enjoy the view. Fall colors are the way to go.

9:00 am start

Moderate/difficult terrain

1.6 miles up and 1.6 miles back

Start Location: Park at Tamarack Park parking lots. Walk to trail head across the fields at the far end of Tamarack Park
