

Environmental Commission
November 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm and the following members were present: Michelle Rehse, Katie Baron, Helene Jaros, Jim Reinhold, Planning Board Liaison Lisa Shimamoto and Secretary Donna Fett. James Myers arrived at 7:55pm.

Open Public Meeting Statement – Adequate notice of this meeting has been made with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6.

Review of October Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Helene and seconded by Katie.

Committee/Council Reports:

- Recreation – no report
- Open Space – no report
- MRMC – Michelle advised there is a meeting next month
- Council – no report

New Business:

Tilcon Quarry License Application – James will review the license application binder

Ongoing Business:

- Tamarack Trail Maintenance – no report
- Single Use Plastic Bag Update – no report
- Annual Recycling Postcard – an estimate was received to print the postcard at \$280. Last year's cost was \$1485 including postage. A quote was requested but not yet received. Due to the timing of the EC meetings, and the desire to mail the postcards by the end of the year, a motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Michelle to proceed with the postcard printing, not to exceed \$290. Secretary will investigate possibility of using Clean Community funds rather than the EC budget.

The Recycle Coach app was discussed and Secretary will forward links so members can try it. SCMUA and Andover Township are currently utilizing it. This app will provide residents with Byram specific disposal information. Several unique features provided include the ability to:

- Determine if a specific item is trash or recyclable (example x-ray)
- Set up email reminders of trash or recycling days
- Access the information via tablet, phones or computers

DPW Superintendent will be discussing Recycle Coach use with the Township Manager to determine if Byram will utilize it. The state offers funding until December 2020.

- Township Annual Heads of Committee Meeting – James reported that the meeting was postponed

Planning Board Applications – none to review

Training – no report

Expenditures and Budget - \$1,095 balance

Other:

- Proposed Change of Dec. 2019 meeting date from Tues., Dec. 17th to Mon., Dec. 16th due to conflict with meeting room. Motion to accept change of date was made by Lisa, seconded by Jim.
- Terms Expiring 12/13/18 – Eric and Helene’s terms are expiring. Terms are on these positions are 3 years in length. Helene indicated she would like to continue her membership and was advised to send an email to Secretary. Secretary will contact Eric to advise the same.
- Free Tree Seedlings are available from NJ Tree Recovery Campaign to help replace trees lost in Superstorm Sandy. Members discussed purchasing seedlings and would like to order 200 trees to distribute for Arbor Day, 2019. Helene volunteered to pick-up the seedlings on April 25th from 9am-2pm in the Parsippany location. Members will be needed to tag and bag the seedlings when they are distributed. A motion was made by Katie, seconded by Helene for Secretary to order the seedlings.

Members brainstormed involving community members to assist with the distribution. Katie mentioned that the girl scouts wanted to participate in an Arbor Day Event and thinks this would be perfect for them. Lisa suggested contacting Lenape’s Go Green Club as well.

Members brainstormed venues for the Arbor Day event and ideas included distribution at the Fire House on Route 206, at a trailhead or at Byram Day (should it be held in the spring next year).

- Secretary advised that a resident was out hiking Cranberry Overlook Trail, got lost and felt more blazes were needed. Secretary will forward the comment to Township Forester. In addition, the resident is a member of a hiking club and wondered if Byram offered guided hikes. EC members might be available to offer a guided hike and perhaps combine this with a trail clean-up event.

Next Meeting - will be held Monday, December 17th

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15pm by Katie, seconded by Michelle.