

Environmental Commission
September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm and the following members were present: James Myers, Eric Duch, Helene Jaros, Casey McGuffy, Planning Board Liaison Lisa Shimamoto and Councilman Scott Olson.

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

Motion was made by James, seconded by Lisa to accept the August 23, 2018 meeting minutes.

Committee/Council Reports:

- Recreation – meeting was held on September 26th, no report available.
- Open Space – the next meeting will be held on October 9th
- MRMC – no meeting was held
- Council – Scott reported that the building is the most significant item ongoing. He also advised that the annual stormwater letters were mailed.

New Business: N/A

Ongoing Business:

- Byram Day Update – although attendance was low due to rainy weather, this was another successful event! Thank you to those EC members who volunteered their time. The shopping bags were well received.
- EC Fall Event – EC will partner with Scouts (both boy and girl) to clean-up a local park to fulfill Stormwater requirements. We are working with Scouts to set a date (end of Oct./early Nov.) and will coordinate with DPW to determine the best location. EC brainstormed on locations and mentioned DOT wetlands replacement area beside school fields as a possible location.
- ANJEC Resolution re-Single Use Plastic Bag - Scott reported that the state is working on something. Once they come to a resolution, we can determine how to move forward.

Planning Board Applications:

- Weber Bros. (aka Sunnyside Landscaping) – final review - applicant request various site improvements including adding a garage, signage and re-establishing a previously abandoned third floor apartment. EC reviewed this application and noted that there are three “businesses” on site: the Garden Center, the Apartments and Landscaping (with multiple trucks with potential for spillage of fluids). Members reviewed the application and Environmental Impact Statement and had the following comments:

1. Please clarify the number of dry wells. Page 9 of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) states 3 drywells, on page 5 of the EIS it states 4 drywells. We noted 3 referenced on the site plan. Are there 3 or 4?
 2. How is overflow of the dry wells handled?
 3. The “native vegetative filter strip” (on page 4 of the EIS) by Lubbers Run does not meet our riparian standard. Please adhere to the Township zoning ordinance (chapter 240) on the need to establish a vegetative buffer 10’ wide covering at least 80% of the shoreline, with special required plantings.
 4. Please consider installation of a dry well for the runoff from the salt shed.
 5. Please describe what is being done to mitigate spills and contain fluids from the equipment being stored on site.
 6. Please describe how any fuels are being stored onsite.
 7. Please move the “wood shed to be replaced” to outside the 200’ riparian zone.
 8. Please advise what materials are being stored in the “outdoor storage container trailers” (on page 7 of the EIS).
 9. No runoff sheet flows should be permitted to flow into Lubbers Run (on page 4 of the EIS).
 10. Please consider the addition of a rain barrel to capture runoff from the proposed garage.
- Rod Schmidt – 24 Strawberry Point Road – applicant proposes to build a 26’x11.5’ dormer and two decks with stairs off the rear of the home. Note this is lakefront property and has three front yards. EC had the following comment to this application:
 - Please adhere to the Township zoning ordinance (chapter 240) on the need to establish a vegetative buffer 10’ wide covering at least 80% of the shoreline, with special required plantings.
 - Thomas Brummer – 15 Lee Hill Road – applicant requests a minor subdivision. No new lots or improvements are proposed. No variances are required. EC reviewed this application and had no comments.

Training:

ANJEC sponsored – Eric attend “Complying with NJ Stormwater Regulations” held on Sept. 20th. They covered best practices and shared links to information.

Expenditures and Budget - \$1095 balance after removal of below expenditures:

- \$300 to Cerbo for purchase and planting of Arbor Day tree. The planting is targeted for the first week in October
- \$507 for re-useable shopping bag purchase

Other:

- Hudson Farms Charity Hike – October 13th – new for this year is a recommendation donation of \$5 worth of non-perishable food per adult. The event runs from 7:30am – 11:00 am with overflow parking at Lenape High School.

- Update on Tamarack Park Trail Clean-up – Several EC members worked with Ron Farr to complete the work on the trail. Scott and Joe are looking for further work to be performed. Joe will direct Ron to complete the work.
- Tilcon Quarry Inspection was held on September 25th, and Helene Jaros participated.
- Annual Township Heads of Committee Meeting – James will represent EC on October 30th.
- Upcoming Events:
 - BARKS Shred Day will be held September 29th from 9am-12 noon in the Town Hall parking lot. The cost is \$8 per box/bag.
 - BARKS Garage Sale will be held the weekend of October 13th/14th

Next Meeting – October 25, 2018

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:35pm by Jim, seconded by Lisa.