

Environmental Commission
October 25, 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, Casey McGuffy, Michelle Rehse, Jim Reinhold, Planning Board Liaison Lisa Shimamoto and Secretary Donna Fett.

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

Review of September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim and seconded by Lisa.

Committee/Council Reports:

- Recreation – a meeting was held on October 17th, no report available.
- Open Space – no update available.
- MRMC – Michelle reported that a meeting was held on October 16th. She reported that the draw down at Lake Hopatcong continues. The Wild & Scenic River Festival held in September was a success. They are continuing to monitor mud snails. The Waterway Trail Update is still in progress. The following flyers were reviewed and discussed:
 - No-Till & Cover Crop Conference to be held Thursday, Dec. 13th in Washington
 - Dinner to support Ashley Mill Restoration to be held Thursday, November 29th in Washington
 - MWA’s Annual Point Mountain Hike to be held Saturday, November 24th
- Council – no report available.

New Business:

- Proposed 2019 Meeting Dates – EC reviewed the proposed 2019 meeting dates. Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month except for November and December. Due to the holiday schedule, meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. A motion to accept the dates was made by Michelle and seconded by James.
- Annual Recycling Postcard – Last year’s recycling postcard was reviewed and discussed. EC proposed to retain the same material on next year’s card and update the appropriate dates. Recycle Coach, a relatively new “app” was discussed. NJ is encouraging municipalities to adopt this “app”. It is currently available on both SCMUA and Andover Township’s website. DPW Superintendent is reviewing this with the Township Manager. If approved, the annual recycling postcard would be an ideal way to advertise this availability.

Ongoing Business:

- EC Fall Event / Scout Clean-Up at COJ – Although an event was scheduled with the boy scouts for Sunday, October 28th, due to the forecasted nor’easter, this was cancelled. It will be re-evaluated in the spring of 2019.

- Tamarack Trail Maintenance – no update available.
- Single Use Plastic Bag – no update available.

Planning Board Applications:

- Ashley Reilly – 90 Lackawanna Drive – applicant proposes:
 - a side entrance with a step, which requires a side yard setback and
 - to retain a deck, constructed without a permit from previous owners, which also requires a rear yard setback

EC reviewed this application and had no comments.

- Alex Rubenstein – 3 Partridge Road – applicant seeks relief from a 2017 resolution of prior approval, specifically Page 3, 7.a “merger of lots 1.04 and 1.05, which would permit the applicant to construct another garage on the portion of the lot that was previously lot 1.05. It would be accessed by a secondary driveway off the existing driveway approximately 240 feet in front of Partridge Road cul-de-sac.”

EC reviewed this application and had the following comments:

- The driveway appears to be 10’ wide on the drawing. What are the limits of disturbance outside of the 10 feet?
- Please advise how the applicant plans on handling the water run-off that will flow onto Partridge Run?

Training:

Eric attended ANJEC sponsored training session “Complying With NJ Stormwater Regulations” held on September 20, 2018.

Expenditures and Budget – balance of \$1,095 remains.

Other:

- James will be representing EC at the annual Township Heads of Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 30th.
- The Norway spruce tree was planted at Town Hall and looks great
- A list of ANJEC films available for lending was briefly reviewed. As it is too late to plan an event this year, this will be reviewed in 2019.
- Curbside leaf pick-up will be held during the weeks of November 12th and December 10th.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20th.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:55pm by Lisa and seconded by James.