

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2016
7:00 P.M.

- 1.) Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Open Public Meetings Notification
Attendance: Lisa Ball-O'Brien, Kat Crippen, Betty Sturdy, Peg Melchione, Nancy Maclearie Hayduk
- 2.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 2016
Motion/second: On a motion by Betty, seconded by Lisa, all voting aye. Minutes approved.
- 3.) Communications
Kat announced that the Assoc. of NJ Environmental Commissions Training would be held **Saturday, March 12, 9am - 1:30pm** Tatum Park, Heath Room, Red Hill Road, Middletown and encouraged all to attend.
- 4.) Old Business
 - a.) Sustainable Jersey – Sandy and Lisa agreed to take on this project and become the point people. Lisa reported that some things have already been done and we need to figure out what and what documentation was needed to support the work. There is a deadline to submit and it is June so we probably won't meet this, but they will put together an action plan and put together what activities they will be doing. Nancy noted that many towns are passing the requested ordinances and she will look to see what and get copies; we did pass the sustainability checklist. Kat noted we had talked in the past about a better noise ordinance and the landscaper ordinance. Peg also mentioned light pollution. These need to be addressed anyway, but if they can be piggybacked on Sustainable Jersey, that would be a benefit.
 - b.) Earth Day Cleanup – Kat noted that the date had been agreed on as April 2 but that we had not set a raindate, typically the next day. Therefore, the raindate will be Sunday, April 24. Times either day will be the usual 10 to 2.
 - c.) Parks Update – Nancy had spoken with Councilwoman King; she said we need to meet and should include the new Mayor, Tom O'Brien. We need to all get on the same page and we need to get the planting plan approved and acted on. Nancy and Betty mentioned people bringing dogs into the parks; Lisa noted that people would like a place to bring their dogs even a dog park; Kat noted the liability of a dog park is overwhelming but could we suggest changing the ordinance to allow dogs and put in a pooper scooper law. Nancy noted there was already language in the Stormwater Regulations about picking up pet waste and felt this covered the issue. Betty said that the residents from Fairway Mews and around Allaire Road like to walk their dogs along Allaire, but there is no place to get rid of dog waste. The borough does not own the land so has no authority to put in receptacles. Nancy said it would be good to have a scout group to take on the program, and get buy in from people to support a pet-friendly community. The borough does own the Veteran's Park on the corner of Rt. 71 and Allaire Road, so perhaps a receptacle and mutt mitt station could be placed there. Nancy will provide draft ordinances. Kat asked about landscapers ordinance and Nancy will get the original one revived.
 - d.) Updating Open Space Inventory – Kat said she needs to provide Gary with the block and lot numbers from the map of parcels that should have been included. Once she does this, he and the Mayor would need to send a letter to the program in Trenton, asking that the parcels be added onto the ROSI.

e.) Natural Resources Inventory – The bid from Environtactics was almost \$30,000. Nancy said all the maps are available from the state and we could do these ourselves. She could reach out to the state and the county to get copies of maps; they are part of our inventory of how many acres are wetlands, how many blue acres. Nancy will do an outline and start collecting data. Lisa said Manasquan has an environmental science class; could there be something they could get involved hands on? Nancy said kids could do it on their own; she could set it up and do it as one day a month to do a section, section at a time. We could do a press release asking for volunteers, saying we are looking for people interested in plants, animals, birdlife. Get people to come out for a project being started.

f.) Community Forestry Conservation plan – Kat reported that she had proposed this to the Council back in December and has since asked people if they wanted to volunteer but has had not response yet.

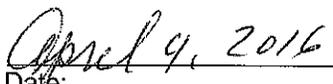
g.) Osprey Nesting Pole installation by JCP&L – Nancy talked to Conserve Wildlife; we need to know what the specifics are so they can advise on best way to set it up. Nancy will follow up with Jay.

5.) Voice of the Public – no one wished to speak.

6.) Adjournment

Motion/second: On a motion by Betty, seconded by Lisa, all voted aye to adjourn at 8:10 PM.


Kathleen Crippen, Chair


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