

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING Minutes
May 2, 2016
7:00 P.M.

- 1.) Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Open Public Meetings Notification
Attendance: Sandy Denison, Lisa Ball-O'Brien, Robert Merriken, Kat Crippen, Betty Sturdy, Peg Melchione, Gaylen Nolan. Nancy Hayduk arrived at 7:10 PM.
- 2.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: April 2016
Motion/second: On a motion by Betty Sturdy, seconded by Robert Merriken, all voting Aye.
- 3.) Communications – Kat noted there was an invitation to the ANJEC Clean Water Congress. As we have a workshop membership, the event is free to anyone who wants to attend.
- 4.) Old Business

- a.) Sustainable Jersey – Sandy talked about organizing a Farmer's Market and also the possibility of a community garden. She felt there was also a chance for some animal education in the area. Some items that were important; Allaire Community Farm said they could help get a farm market up and running. Allaire Community Farm already works with members of the school community so are familiar with SLH. Sandy said the space around the gazebo would be a good location and is working to put together a presentation by the next meeting. She would like to do a 10 AM start. Gaylen mentioned that other places do late afternoon and this might be an option for people coming off the beach.

Lisa said they were starting to push for membership of a Green team, and that they could help during the year for clean ups other than just the Earth Day event.

- b.) Earth Day Cleanup Recap – Kat thanked everyone for their help and said there was still work to be done. Sandy said she has young people willing to help continue to clean the Black Creek Park. Kat noted that Joe May was aware of the need for cleaning but it would be the fall; summer is very busy for DPW. In the meantime, we can continue. Kat mentioned that Gary needed to pin down the boundary so we know where we are in cleaning and reclaiming the space.

Kat also mentioned that an issue came up that day about dogs and we should address the idea of allowing dogs on certain parts of borough property. Discussion ensued. Nancy will send copies of existing ordinances for people to cull through. We have a lease law and a pet waste ordinance.

- c.) Parks Update – Gaylen noted that her drainage ditch had been filled in along her rear property line and logs were removed from her property by the DPW. She spoke with Jay and Joe; Art Herner followed up with her. They will continue the fence on the property line. The filled-in ditch will stop just above the mayapple colony. Robert asked about the property line between Gaylen and Fletcher. Gaylen asked that fence not interfere with the natural buffer. Some vegetation will need to be cut to put fence posts in but will no doubt grow back quickly.

Peg is stewarding the lane behind her house. She noted that this tends to fill up with litter and weeds. She borrowed one of the Environmental Commission's rakes and sticker in order to facilitate keeping the area clean. Kat noted that a treed buffer planting was in the process for part of this area.

Plans and layouts for Fletcher/Allaire. Nancy noted that as per the maps for tree removal – the Borough took down so many more than were on the maps, and trees were stripped up until just the top canopy remains. Trees were not watered and are dying. Evergreens were planted in straight row and are crowding each other out. There is some rearranging to be done and we need to get water on the trees.

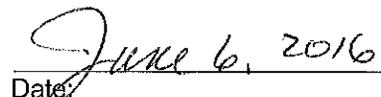
- 5.) Natural Resources Inventory – Nancy has information; Art told her there is one and we need to find it. We are charter members of Monmouth County GIS and can get maps for free.

- 6.) Open Space Inventory Update – Kat will follow up with Gary's office. She heard indirectly that Jay Delaney was working on this with someone from Gary's office and did not want to replicate efforts.

- 7.) Voice of the Public
No one wishing to speak, the Voice of the Public was closed on a motion by Robert Merriken and a second by Betty Sturdy, all voting Aye.

- 8.) Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Robert Merriken and seconded by Betty Sturdy, all voting Aye. Adjourned at 8:05 PM.


Kathleen Crippen, Chair


Date