

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
August 1, 2016
7:00 P.M.

- 1.) Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Open Public Meetings Notification
Attendance: Lisa Ball-O'Brien, Robert Merriken, Kat Crippen, Peg Melchione
- 2.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 2016
Motion/second: Minutes were approved on a motion by Peg Melchione, seconded by Robert Merriken, all voting aye.

Amended agenda to add annual meeting report: amended on a motion by Robert Merriken, seconded by Peg Melchione, all aye.

Vote to approval annual reported: on a motion by Robert Merriken, seconded by Peg Melchione, all aye. Kat will forward the annual report 2015 to the council.

- 3.) Communications -- none
- 4.) Old Business
 - a.) Sustainable Jersey – Sandy and Lisa asked about creating some sort of Junior committee for Sustainable Jersey. Kat said that they were the coordinators and could do so if they wish. Discussion ensued about adding junior members to the Environmental Commission. Kat noted that the make-up of the Commission was dictated by State statute, but that she would reach out to ANJEC to see what leeway there was for sub-committees.
 - b.) Parks Update -- Kat explained the pathway issue in Fletcher that had come up. Instead of getting bids for just a parking lot, the proposal had been expanded to include an asphalt track in the facility. Neither Council President King nor Councilman Merriken were aware of any proposals to pave pathways or install a track there. It had always been determined that any paths or walkways would be grass, which is ADA compliant and easily maintained through mowing. Everyone agreed there had never been any discussion or intent to put in a paved area and, in fact, the Green Acres program opposed paving in Green Acres properties. Kat said she would follow up with Council President King.
 - c.) Site Plan Review --
 - d.) Natural Resources Inventory -- Tabled due to Nancy's absence
 - e.) Open Space Inventory Update -- Kat needs to email a map with problem areas to Gary's office.
 - f.) Proposed Ordinances -- Currently, there is an ordinance forbidding dogs on Borough property. The Commission discussed changing this so that dogs are allowed in certain areas. These areas need to be defined. There would also be a need for signage and for mutt mitt stations were these don't currently exist. Everyone agreed it would be a positive change to suggest to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kat asked about the condition of the lane from Crosby into the rear of Allaire Road Park. Peg Melchione noted that she had adopted the spot and was keeping after litter. The Borough did not appear to be doing any work there. Kat noted that the Borough office had indicated they wanted to abandon the area and let it fill in with vegetation. Lisa said this would be a problem, as residents on the north end of town rely on the lane for park access. Kat said she would pass this along to the office and let them know they should not look to close this off.

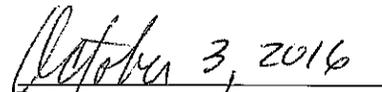
5.) Voice of the Public

Rita Murphy, 2014 Rt. 71, asked about this year's calendar. She said there used to be leaf pick up and brush pickup until late in the year and can the Environmental Commission make a recommendation to keep a late season leaf and brush pickup? Ticks are still active until late in the season. Last year, there was a brush pick up in November but not this year; it ends in October. Can we check to see if this is correct?

John Tangeman, 564 Atlantic Avenue, asked about the possibility of having backyard hens as this is a sustainable practice.

6.) Adjournment: On a motion by Robert Merriken, seconded by Peg Melchione, all aye, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.


Kathleen Crippen, Chair


Date: