

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 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, Gaylen Nolan

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 2016

Motion/second: Accepted on a motion by Robert Merriken, seconded by Lisa Ball-O'Brien, all voting aye

2.) Communications

Kat reported that ANJEC had circulated a DEP Water Advisory Drought Warning; this is the step prior to imposing a water restriction. The Borough posted the warning on its website and also added a message to the electronic sign at the school.

3.) Old Business

a.) Sustainable Jersey – Sandy could not attend. Lisa reported that she and Sandy would put together a list for a Green Team and had already been networking the idea.

b.) Parks Update – Kat reported on the December 3 tree planting at the Fletcher property. A total of 12 trees were installed: 5 American redbuds, 4 hollies, 2 evergreen magnolias, and one thundercloud plum. The DPW assisted with digging holes. The planting was well-attended by the Mayor and his family, the police chief, several council members, and members of the Environmental Commission. Photos were sent to the Coast Star. It was a very positive day. The next step would be to have a shed put on the property to store volunteers' tools. Robert also noted that a shed could serve as a spot to put the electric connection and to put the water meter for the hose hookup. The shed would be sited on the eastern boundary of the property, just beyond the mayapple/wildflower area as it could serve as a barrier to prevent foot traffic in those beds. Milkweed could be planted in the currently bare area just north of this in order to provide food and habitat for butterflies.

Lisa said she would attend Shrewsbury's reorganization meeting for their community garden to determine how they started their program. Kat discussed Green Acres funding and suggested that with a new Green Acres site coming up, we should look to applying for the various projects at Fletcher.

c.) Site Plan Review – There were no site plans to review this month.

d.) Natural Resources Inventory – Nancy is following up but was not in attendance tonight.

e.) Open Space Inventory Update -- Kat will follow up with Gary

f.) Proposed Ordinances – The text for the dog ordinance has been forwarded to the Council and it is in their hands now.

4.) New Business

a.) Backyard Hens – Kat will look at other towns and find a suitable ordinance

b.) Sub Committees: Everyone was in agreement to start a sub-committee that would involve youth, emeritus members, non-residents, etc. – all were in agreement on this

c.) Green Team for Sustainable Jersey – Kat asked if Lisa and Sandy could come up with their Green Team members

- 5.) Voice of the Public – Rita Murphy, Route 71, took 170 photos of the tree planting: Kat thanked her for her work on this.

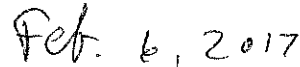
Tony McGuinness, Lake Drive, asked about who he speaks to to get a permit to get rid of bamboo. He needs to call the DEP for this. Kat will get who he needs to speak with at DEP. Gaylen said her daughter would look up his address and see what he needs and who controls it.

- 6.) Adjournment

Motion/second: Motion to adjourn made by Robert Merriken and seconded by Gaylen Nolan; all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM



Kathleen Crippen, Chair



Date: