

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020
7:00 P.M.

- 1.) **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Open Public Meetings Notification**
 - a.) **Members Present:** Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, Lisa Ball-O'Brien, Sandy Denison, Gaylen Nolan. Derek Noah present, but could not vote as he needs to complete updated oath and paperwork.
7:05 PM Meeting Open
- 2.) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion/second: Nancy Maclearie Hayduk - motion, Sandy Denison – second – All in Favor
- 3.) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: December 9, 2019**

Motion/second: Nancy Maclearie Hayduk – Motion, Sandy Denison – second – All in Favor
- 4.) **Reorganization – Commission Chair/Co-Chairs –** Deferred until more members are present to vote.
- 5.) **Communications –** None but Nancy Maclearie Hayduk requested that as a whole the Commission should pay attention to silt fencing issues in town so that the Zoning Officer can be informed of issues needing enforcement.
- 6.) **Old Business**
 - a.) **Upcoming Events**
 - 1.) **Community Event – Allaire Community Farm (Sandy Denison Denison)**
Sandy Denison will work with the Allaire Community Farm at picking a date for an event at the Farm. Discussed other possible events to advertise such as Beach Clean-ups. There is one coming up on 2/15 from 10AM to 12 PM Ocean Avenue in Spring Lake.
 - 2.) **Earth event –** Creating an event not necessarily on Earth Day that encompassed several topics such as a Composting Class to include Master Gardeners, Recycling Class, Decorate your own Recycling Can, Opossum Education. This is an opportunity to include local organizations and the school. Sandy Denison to look into dates at the Community Center.
 - b.) **Proposed Ordinances (Nancy Maclearie Hayduk)**
 - 1.) **Tree ordinance –** Nancy Maclearie Hayduk suggested each commission member speak directly to Council Members to discuss status and encourage the passage.
 - c.) **Parks Update (Lisa Ball-O'Brien)**
 - 1.) **EC formal recommendations progress –** EC to include water issue at the park on formal recommendations document. Water should be a focus of the early redevelopment of the park as it will help with the necessary watering of new plantings. Alex Burke was a suggested resource for this.
 - 2.) **Committee Meetings -** Lisa Ball-O'Brien reported the Park Committee continues to meet. They will be recommending DPW get education on tree maintenance. Gaylen Nolan reported that there is a tree down in the Northeast corner of the park. Lisa Ball-O'Brien will contact Joe May, DPW Superintendent regarding this. The commission continued to discuss issues with the water at park and concerned about a long-term fix for the frequent standing water at Joseph Robertson/Allaire Road Park and Veteran's Memorial Park.

d.) Sustainable Jersey

- 1.) **Collaboration with the school** – Nancy Maclearie Hayduk was asked to provide information to the school that is necessary for their sustainability certification. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk to be included on e-mail contact with school
 - 2.) **Meeting date** – Lisa Ball-O'Brien, Sandy Denison and Derek Noah need to meet separate from Commission meeting discuss a proper plan forward to completing town certification.
- e.) **ROSI/Open Space Inventory (Nancy Maclearie Hayduk)** – Nancy Maclearie Hayduk feels these documents are completed. She has reached out to Kat Crippen, previous Environmental Commission Chair, hoping she can assist in the completion of this.

7.) New Business

- a.) **Recycling Event** – Sandy Denison recently went to a Recycling event with a presentation from the County and sponsored by Lake Como Environmental Commission. She suggested the County should be invited to a town event. It was noted during the event that the biggest mistakes people make with recycling is recycling plastic bottles with attached caps, items (i.e. pizza boxes) with food contamination and recycling the wrong type of plastics. It was suggested that if there is any doubt throw it out. The mistakes cause additional labor and cost at the county recycling center. The Commission to encourage the town to be more conscious in paper use i.e. using recycled paper and recycled ink for the town-wide calendar.

8.) Voice of the Public

- a.) Carol Maccanico from 557 Ocean Road. Carol suggested unclean recycling attracts critters. She expressed concern regarding the lack of trees at school. The commission to reach out to the school to ask the status of tree plantings at school and encourage additional trees to be planted

9.) Adjournment

Motion/second: Nancy Maclearie Hayduk – motion, Gaylen Nolan – second, All in Favor
8:17 PM Meeting Closed

APPROVED 2/10/20
Lisa Ball O'Brien