

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 17, 2020
7:00 P.M.

- 1.) **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Open Public Meetings Notification**
 - a.) **Members Present:** Lisa Ball-O'Brien, Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, Gaylen Nolan, Sandy Denison, Derek Noah, Danielle Hughes (sporadic technical difficulties). This meeting was conducted via virtual platform.
- 2.) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion/second: Gaylen Nolan, Derek Noah – all in favor
- 3.) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 10, 2020**

Motion/second: Moved to next month
- 4.) **Reorganization:** The body suggested that we should continue with format of 2 Co-Chairs (Lisa Ball-O'Brien and Nancy Maclearie Hayduk). It was motioned by Gaylen Nolan and second by Sandy Denison, All in favor
- 5.) **Communications –**
 - a.) Resignation of Derek Noah effective 8/31/2020. The body commended Derek and thanked him for his volunteerism. Disappointment was expressed as he was a valued asset.
- 6.) **Old Business**
 - a.) **Upcoming Events –** Nothing is currently scheduled by Sandy stated the Allaire Community Farm is open. We discussed a potential information campaign with a possible website/social media presence. A neighborhood pick-up in which community members submitted pictures to the town was discussed.
 - b.) **Parks Update –** Lisa Ball-O'Brien reported that the Tree Committee has met several times this Summer. A plan for an initial planting has been developed and will be submitted to the town for review. The planting will be along the Northside fence area and will be primarily evergreens. The desire to also get some shade trees planted near playground and along the macadam by baseball bleachers was reported. Concerns regarding the recurring poison ivy was discussed, with the suggestion that the town should look into a natural remedy such as goats. An Osprey Pole was suggested by Gaylen Nolan as the Ospreys continue to demonstrate interest in nesting at the park. Conserve Wildlife was discussed as a resource or JCP&L who could likely provide the pole for \$1200. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk volunteered to write a proposal regarding this issue with the support of Sandy Denison and Gaylen Nolan.
 - c.) **Sustainable Jersey**
 - 1.) **Collaboration with the school –** nothing is currently scheduled
 - 2.) **Meeting date –** with Derek leaving a meeting will be scheduled with Lisa and Sandy
- 7.) **New Business**
 - a.) **Grants –** No one found any grants worth bringing to the attention of Mayor and Council.
- 8.) **Voice of the Public –** No public in attendance.

9.) **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Motion/second: Motioned by Gaylen Nolan and seconded by Sandy Denison

APPROVED 10/12/20

Jose Bell-DiZuen