

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
02/08/2021
7:00 P.M.

- 1.) **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Open Public Meetings Notification**
 - a.) **Members Present:** Nancy Maclearie Hayduk (remotely), Sandy Denison, Katherine Blasco, Lisa Ball-O'Brien

- 2.) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion/second – Sandy Denison/Katherine Blasco – all in favor

- 3.) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** February 8, 2021
Motion/second: Sandy Denison/Nancy Maclearie Hayduk – all in favor

- 4.) **Reorganization** – The approval of Co-Chairs Nancy Maclearie Hayduk and Lisa Ball-O'Brien - Sandy Denison (motion) and Nancy Maclearie Hayduk (second) – all in favor. Further it was determined the meeting would continue on the Second Monday of the month. Katherine Blasco motion, Sandy Denison second - all in favor

- 5.) **Communications - None**

- 6.) **Old Business**
 - a.) **Events** – The commission continues to discuss family friendly events. Options discussed include an in-person or virtual recycling education program, improving our content on the town website, expanding our presence on social media through the use of the SLH Green Team page on Facebook. Sandy Denison will reach out to Allaire Community Farm to assess the viability of an event. The potential of a Master Gardener event was discussed with Spring around the corner. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk suggested a give-away of a grow pack starter kit with seeds.

 - b.) **Parks Update** – Lisa Ball-O'Brien reported with additional comments from Katherine Blasco regarding the Joseph E. Robertson park plans. Spiezel Engineering has provided the Tree Committee with a plan for the replanting of trees at the park. Photos of this plan were shared electronically with the commission. During the discussion, it was emphasized the importance of maintenance and irrigation plans as this has been an on-going concern of the commission. Without a decent maintenance and irrigation plan there is greater potential of the plantings to fail. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk questioned whether a well may prevent using potable water at the park for irrigation.

 - c.) **Sustainable Jersey - tabled**
 - 1.) **Collaboration with the school**
 - 2.) **Meeting date**

 - d.) **Grant Research - tabled**

 - e.) **Osprey Pole** – Sandy Denison confirmed that a group continues to be interested in supporting the construction of an osprey pole at Joseph E. Robertson Park in honor of a resident that has passed away. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk indicated we should go through Conserve Wildlife. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk will review what needs to be address from an engineering stand-point. Sandy Denison will discuss the potential cost of the

construction with potential donors. Lisa Ball-O'Brien will inform the tree committee so that are aware of the idea.

- f.) **Grant Proposal for Shore Road along Wreck Pond** – The status of the grant is unknown at this time. Nancy will work at obtaining an electronic of the proposal and discuss status with borough personnel.

7.) New Business

- a.) **Proposed multi-level dwelling in Wall** – There is a plan to build a 250 unit, multi-level dwelling in Wall Township,. The location runs in between Highway 35 and Old Mill Road. behind the houses on the west side of Old Mill between Allaire and Wall Road. Water is a significant issue and will likely impact residents not only on Old Mill, but further east as well. There will be an increase in pollution and traffic if the proposed 250 units are constructed. Questions were raised about whose storm water system would be tapped for the construction. Lisa Ball-O'Brien and Nancy Maclearie Hayduk will work on a document to submit to town regarding the commission concerns and environmental impact.

8.) Voice of the Public - None

9.) Adjournment

Motion/second: Nancy Maclearie Hayduk/Sandy Denison – all in favor Adjourned 8:25 PM.

APPROVED 3/8/21

Lisa Ball-O'Brien