

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
4/12/2021  
7:00 P.M.

**1.) Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Open Public Meetings Notification**

a.) **Members Present:** Lisa Ball-O'Brien – Co-Chair, Gaylen Nolan, Katherine Blasco, Moira Horan,

**2.) Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion/second:** Gaylen Nolan/ Katherine Blasco

**3.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** March 8, 2021 – moved until next month

**Motion/second:**

**4.) Communications**

a.) ANJEC mailer and website discussed with the Commission.

**5.) Old Business**

a.) **Events**

- 1.) **ANJEC** – Lisa Ball-O'Brien indicated that ANJEC has a list of upcoming events for the entire state.
- 2.) There will be no formal Earth Day event this year. However, Nancy Maclearie Hayduk had indicated there will likely be an informal clean-up on the southside of town on Shore Road and Ocean Road Park.

b.) **Parks Update**

- 1.) Lisa Ball-O'Brien reported on a recent conversation with Councilwoman King. The bid has been awarded to Down To Earth Landscaping. According to Ms. King, the lowest bidder did not complete necessary paperwork and was therefore, not awarded the contract. The park planting should begin by the end of the month, with Spring Lake Heights DPW doing the fill work to level the ground. Speizel Engineering will reportedly oversee the planting and will work closely with the landscape company. The Commission's on-going concern regarding irrigation and maintenance was relayed again to Ms. King, who indicated maintenance and irrigation were a part of the bid. At the conclusion of the summary, several Commission members offered to provide pictures of the low-lying areas in the Grove.

c.) **Sustainable Jersey** – no report

d.) **Grant Research** – none noted

e.) **Osprey Pole** – no report

f.) **Grant Proposal for Shore Road along Wreck Pond** – no report

g.) **Proposed multi-level dwelling in Wall** – The Commission discussed the necessity for a letter to Council regarding the building plan and to emphasize the environmental impact including traffic and water run-off.

**6.) New Business**

a.) Katherine Blasco announced the annual river herring research has commenced. The volunteers count and tag the fish coming into Wreck Pond and its tributaries to spawn. The organization is called wreckpond.org

**7.) Voice of the Public**

- a.) Christine Nevin Meloro of 107 Maple Drive asked to be recognized. She announced she applied to the Monmouth County Environmental Council and she was awaiting word from the Council. The Commission again reiterated the benefits of having someone local on the county-wide council.

**8.) Adjournment**

**Motion/second:** Katherine Blasco/Gaylen Nolan at 7:47 PM

APPROVED 5/10/2021

Jose Falla Di Rien