

**SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
5/10/2021
7:00 P.M.**

- 1.) **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Open Public Meetings Notification – Start 7:04 PM**
 - a.) **Members Present** Nancy Maclearie Hayduk Co-Chair, Lisa Ball-O'Brien Co-Chair, Gaylen Nolan, Katherine Blasco, Moira Horan
- 2.) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion/second – Gaylen Nolan/Katherine Blasco – All in Favor
- 3.) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** March 8, 2021 and April 12, 2021
Motion/second: **March 8, 2021** Katherine Blasco/Gaylen Nolan – Moira Horan Abstain, all others present approved
April 12, 2021 Gaylen Nolan/Katherine Blasco – Nancy Maclearie Hayduk Abstain, all others present approved
- 4.) **Communications –** Nancy Maclearie Hayduk reviewed an e-mail she sent to Joe May, DPW Director regarding the designation of a Green Acres area between 9th and 10th Avenue on Shore Road. Nancy is pursuing whether this area has been placed in the Open Space Inventory.
- 5.) **Old Business**
 - a.) **Events –** None known
 - b.) **Parks Update**
 - 1.) Gaylen Nolan reported on the Council Meeting on 4/26/2021. She reported on the dissention of the tree planting plans at Joseph E Robertson Park by two members of the public.
 - 2.) Gaylen Nolan and Katherine Blasco reported on the Council Meeting on 5/3/2021. The Borough's agreement with the school to use their fields was discussed. The history of the petition related to Joseph E Robertson Park, the membership of the Tree Committee and the defense of the Tree Committee was also discussed during the meeting.
 - 3.) The Tree Planting at Joseph E. Robertson Park began today. Several Commission members reported seeing the work started. The timeline for the tree planting of 5/10 to 5/28/2021 was reviewed. All trees are being planted at one time, no phases. The Commission's on-going understanding that the trees are guaranteed for a year, and that the landscapers are responsible for the watering and maintenance was reviewed. A letter thanking the Mayor and Council was proposed.
 - 4.) Gaylen Nolan further reported that on her way to tonight's meeting she noted 15 to 20 cars parked illegally at Joseph E. Robertson Park. Paper signs noting Authorized Vehicles only were noted, but disregarded by those parking. According to Gaylen she has already reported the problem to Chief Gunnell and Borough Administrator John Barrett. She reported that Chief Gunnell will be addressing the issue with the Tri-Shore Little League and that permanent signage was being ordered. The parking issues at the park were noted to be getting progressively worse. The Commission hopes the signs and a rope or gate barrier is erected to limit access to unauthorized vehicles, especially in light of the tree planting project moving forward.

- c.) **Osprey Pole** – Lisa Ball-O'Brien reported that Sandy Denison has stated the individuals looking to sponsor an Osprey Pole at the park have decided not to pursue the project. The possibility of corporate sponsorship was discussed.
- d.) **Proposed multi-level dwelling in Wall** – Moira Horan reported on the research she did on the multi-level dwelling project in Wall Township that is slated to back-up to several properties on Old Mill and Allaire Road. She stated the plan is for 7 or 8 buildings with a mix of 3 and 4 stories. The plan is not fully approved. It would require the removal of the hotel currently facing Highway 35 between Allaire and Church Street. The plan is for all units to be rentals with most being of a higher price point. Moira reported her contact is Betsy Cross and it is reported there is a compliance meeting on 5/11/2021. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk suggested that Brent Pappy could be a possible resource to us regarding storm water and keeping the water in Wall.

6.) New Business

- a.) **Potential Member Responsibilities** – Commission discussed dispersing responsibilities amongst the members of the Commission, in an effort to stay on top of the various areas that fall within the scope of the Environmental Commission. The following was decided:
 - 1.) Recycling – Moira Horan
 - 2.) ANJEC – Katherine Blasco
 - 3.) Social Media – Nancy Maclearie Hayduk and Lisa Ball-O'Brien
 - 4.) Sustainable NJ – Sandy Denison and Lisa Ball-O'Brien
 - 5.) Council Meetings – Gaylen Nolan

7.) Voice of the Public - None

8.) Adjournment 8:15 PM

Motion/second: Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, Gaylen Nolan

APPROVED 6/14/21

Lisa Ball-O'Brien