

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
8/9/2021  
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, Christine Nevin Meloro. Start 7:05 PM
- 2.) **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion/second** Christine Nevin Meloro/ Sandy Denison – All in Favor
- 3.) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** June 14, 2021  
**Motion/second:** Nancy Maclearie Hayduk/Lisa Ball-O'Brien - 2 votes in favor (Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, Lisa Ball-O'Brien), 2 abstain (Sandy Denison, Christine Nevin Meloro)
- 4.) **Communications** – Discussed the e-mail invite from Spring Lake Environmental Commission to an organization Only leave footprints presentation. Event is scheduled for 8/18/21 8 PM.
- 5.) **Old Business**
  - a.) **Events** – No new events were announced. Sandy Denison stated she would be in touch with Allaire Community Farm about possible events.
  - b.) **Parks Update** – Joseph E Robertson Park tree planting was discussed. It was noted that there were several trees that looked like they were failing. It is understood the vendor will replace any failed plantings. Timing of those plantings is unclear.
  - c.) **Proposed multi-level dwelling in Wall** – The continued concerns regarding the environmental impact on Spring Lake Heights was discussed, especially the North end of town, which is downhill from the project. The proposed plot location is situated between Highway 35 and Old Mill Road. The impact on stormwater drainage, traffic and wildlife discussed. According to Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, Wall Township will have to abide by the new Stormwater Regulations that went into effect in March, 2021. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk will contact Jen O'Sullivan the Planning Board Secretary in Wall Township, to ascertain if an environmental impact study (traffic, stormwater) has been done. According to information presented by Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, the project will include Affordable Housing (20%) with 24 dwelling units/acre, up to but not exceeding 250 units.
  - d.) **Member Reports**
    - 1.) **Recycling (Molra Horan)** – member not present
    - 2.) **ANJEC (Katherine Blasco)** – member not present
    - 3.) **Social Media (Nancy Maclearie Hayduk and Lisa Ball-O'Brien)** – Discussed adding the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) to our commission page on the town website once document is updated.
    - 4.) **Sustainable NJ (Sandy Denison and Lisa Ball-O'Brien)** – No Report
    - 5.) **Council Meetings (Gaylen Nolan)** – member not present
  - e.) **Tree Ordinance** – The status of the tree ordinance is unclear. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk stated the ordinance is fashioned after Spring Lake's ordinance. It was given to the Mayor and Council in July, 2021. According to Nancy, additional samples from different municipalities were offered. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk reports no additional information has been requested from the Council.
- 6.) **New Business**
  - a.) Nancy Maclearie Hayduk indicated she will be bringing a new ordinance in front of the Commission to discuss. The No Bamboo ordinance will be designed to prevent future plantings of bamboo and other invasive species.

b.) Christine Nevin Meloro proposed two additional new business items for next month. She suggested we investigate the new 5000 solar panel project going into an unusable plot of land east of Highway 71, and south of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Wall Township. Christine Nevin Meloro questioned whether the town could buy into that power, essentially purchasing credits and lowering the energy costs for the municipality. She stated there is a process called aggregation in which if adopted can lower energy costs without impacting relationship with JCPL. She added the town could pursue solar panels on top of municipal buildings and at the water tower area to reduce costs as well.

7.) **Voice of the Public** – Audience member indicated her presence but did not have anything to add or ask.

8.) **Adjournment 8:08 PM**

**Motion/second:** Sandy Denison/Christine Nevin Meloro

APPROVED 9/13/21  
Lisa Ball-DiZeno