

SLH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2019
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, Lucie Dickenson, Derek Noah, Danielle Hughes**
- 2.) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion/second Danielle Hughes - Motion, Lucie Dickenson -- Second, Approved -- All in Favor
- 3.) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 14, 2019**

Motion/second: Derek Noah -- Motion, Lucie Dickenson -- Second, Approved -- All in Favor
(Nancy Maclearie Hayduk was not present at October 14, 2019 meeting and abstained)
- 4.) **Communications**
 - a.) **Recycling Coordinator Event -- 12/11/19 7 PM -- Lake Como Environmental Commission is sponsoring a Recycling event with a County Representative. The Commission was encouraged to attend. Lucie Dickenson expressed interest in attending. Sandy Denison (not present at meeting) had indicated she would attend prior to tonight's meeting. Members present discussed possible implications for the EC and possible programming such as a Composting Class. It was suggested Jon Gibbons from Lake Como is a great resource for a teaching gardening. He has a teaching garden at his home. Lucie Dickenson noted a potential project for youth members of the town in creating a resource list for the town.**
- 5.) **Old Business**
 - a.) **Upcoming Events**
 - 1.) **Allaire Community Farm (Sandy Denison) - Tabled**
 - b.) **Proposed Ordinances (Nancy Maclearie Hayduk)**
 - 1.) **Tree ordinance -- Nancy will complete a modified draft of the ordinance which is Spring Lake Heights specific. The plan will be to submit to the council prior to next EC meeting. The Spring Lake Golf Club recently took down more trees along Warren Avenue and it is felt an ordinance such as the proposed one will limit the removal of trees without a replacement plan. It was felt the current Zoning Officer could be an asset in compliance with the Tree Ordinance. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk also indicated she was going to review the Planning Board's decisions regarding the SCGC and the further removal of trees.**
 - c.) **Parks Update (Lisa Ball-O'Brien)**
 - 1.) **EC formal recommendations -- Lisa Ball-O'Brien is working on a formal letter to council regarding EC recommendations. Further discussion included clarification of recommendations to be included in the letter. The letter should highlight the following in addition to previously discussed items: 1. importance of long-term plan on maintenance and future tree plantings, 2. town should complete a formal survey of the land as it will be a useful resource for future plans and grant applications.**
 - 2.) **Committee Meetings -- Lisa Ball-O'Brien reported that under the leadership of Mayor O'Brien the Robertson Park (Allaire Road) Tree Committee meetings have continued. According to outgoing Mayor O'Brien, Mayor Elect Campion is in favor of meetings continuing. Mayor Elect Campion has indicated that he is interested in seeing a formal plan in the new year and is reportedly in favor of replanting.**

3.) **Planting** – In October there was some perimeter planting along the east and north fence lines adjacent to the apartment complexes. The Robertson Park (Allaire Road) Tree Committee will be working on more recommendations regarding the planting. Present EC Members discussed the joint opinion that the EC is in favor of the replanting of trees, while making improvements to existing front field. The EC is not in favor of creating a full-sized multi-purpose field.

d.) Sustainable Jersey

1.) **Collaboration with the school** – Lisa Ball-O'Brien and Derek Noah reported they met with school personnel who are seeking Sustainable Jersey - School Certification. It is felt that due to recent renovations at the school their certification is likely. Ways to collaborate with the school were discussed including joint events.

e.) **ROSI/Open Space Inventory** – Nancy Hayduk reports she believes she has the necessary documents and will share electronically.

6.) New Business - None

7.) Voice of the Public

Carol Maccanico 557 Ocean Road stated her opinion that the plantings at Robertson Park (Allaire Road) should be Native Species and not invasive species from Japan and China. She indicated native species will deter ticks and subsequently lower the risk of Lyme's disease.

8.) Adjournment

Motion/second: Nancy Maclearie Hayduk – Motion, Danielle Hughes – Second,
All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Approved 1/13/20
Lisa Ball-O'Brien