

**SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY 04/27/2023
7:00 PM**

- 1.) Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Open Public Meetings Notification**
a. **Members Present:** Christine Nevin Meloro, Lawrence Tencza, Richard Thumann, Katherine Blasco, Nancy Maclearie Hayduk, Gaylen Nolan

- 2.) Approval of the Agenda**
Motion/second: Richard Thumann, Gaylen Nolan, all in favor

- 3.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** March 23, 2023
Motion/second: Gaylen Nolan, Lawrence Tencza, all in favor

- 4.) Communications**
Gaylen Nolan reported that a member of the public dropped off a packet for a \$125,000 grant application, obtained from councilwoman Sara King, that the town is applying for to add new pickleball courts at Joseph E. Robertson park between the playground and Little League field. The EC reviewed the application and has the following questions: how was the money spent from the previous \$1M bond the town was awarded, is there usage justification for adding the courts, would the courts be better placed at Ocean Road park, where is the public hearing or notification on this proposal? It was suggested to contact Mayor Christopher Campion to discuss further.

Nancy Maclearie Hayduk provided an update on the new stormwater regulations, stating that if the state adopts the new stormwater regulations trees cannot be cut down without justification and replacement.

- 5.) Old Business**
- a. **Reusable Bags Project & misc.**
Local groups will be allowed to set up tables at National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August. EC to see if we can obtain materials to hand out (spotted lanternfly info, temporary tattoos, etc.). The second annual SLH Fall Festival will be the weekend before Halloween; however, no local groups can participate. Nancy Maclear Hayduk suggested the EC try to be involved even if it is just to hand out information or man stations to increase awareness of the EC in town. Can the energy tips be added to the 2024 town calendar?
 - b. **Energy Aggregation**
Would SLH borough designate itself as an energy aggregator to SLH residents to purchase renewable energy?
 - c. **Planning Board Applications**
Currently nothing pending that would require EC involvement.
 - d. **Commission Members Status**
Sandy Denison's term expires Dec 31, 2024. A letter of resignation should be submitted if resigning prior to this date.
 - e. **SLH School and Possible Partnership with EC**

SLHenvironmentalteam@gmail.com is contact info. Richard Thumann drafted a letter to the Board of Education to reach out to offer to collaborate with the school's environmental club.

f. AmeriCore and EC

An intern from AmeriCore would be assigned to our EC and provide a tour of resources, explain what things are and how they relate to the environment. Other possible activities include building rain barrels. Richard Thumann to follow up.

6.) New Business

a. ANJEC - Copies of Environmental Commissioners' Handbook

SLH should create an Environmental Resource Inventory. It was suggested to use the tax map as a starting point. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk advised that resources are already documented on paper; however, this would need to be typed and converted to electronic format. Katherine Blasco volunteered to type. There is a natural resource inventory at nj.state.us: natural heritage database.

b. Black Creek - March Meeting Voice of the Public

SL Golf Club is to rebuild maintenance garages next to Black Creek. It was suggested to see if the county can test the water at Black Creek when they are testing Wreck Pond.

c. SLH Water Quality Report

Can EC obtain water quality report? Katherine Blasco has lead water sample test result from 2022 and will provide at next meeting.

d. Spring Lake EC Earth Day Event

Christine Nevin Meloro attended. SL has updated what can be recycled for town collection. How can we improve recycling so that all the towns that use Mazza Recycling in Tinton Falls allow the same materials to be recycled?

e. Mail from Borough Hall

Contents of the Environmental Commission mailbox at borough hall was reviewed: Registration for the 2023 NJ Sustainable Summit on Friday May 5, 2023 at Bellworks

7.) Voice of the Public

None

8.) Adjournment

Motion/second: Richard Thumann, Katherine Blasco, all in favor

Approved 5/25/23
