

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY 07/27/2023  
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, Gaylen Nolan, Nancy Maclearie Hayduk

**2.) Approval of the Agenda**

Motion/second: Richard Thumann, Lawrence Tencza, all in favor

**3.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: May 25, 2023**

Motion/second: Gaylen Nolan, Richard Thumann, all in favor

**4.) Old Business**

a. **ANJEC - Copies of Environmental Commissioners' Handbook**

EC members are taking turns reviewing the handbook.

b. **SLH School and Possible Partnership with EC**

SLH Elementary School representatives will attend the September EC meeting along with several students. They plan to discuss what they are doing to be a sustainable NJ school, what environmental clubs are offered at the school, and how the EC can partner with them. ANJEC has up to \$1500 in grants for open spaces. EC to follow up on the requirements of the grant to determine if it can be used for the school.

c. **Grant Request - Allaire Road Park**

There is no further information about the grant request from Borough Hall.

d. **SL Golf Club Planning Board Resolution**

There is no update on the SLGC planning board resolution. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk confirmed there is no information or applications for the planning board regarding this.

e. **National Night Out - SLH EC participation**

Will take place on August 1, 2023 from 5pm until dusk. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk raises swallow tail and monarch butterflies and can potentially bring them for the EC table. Gaylen Nolan has monarchs as well. Christine Nevin Meloro will bring the energy tips (as listed on the SLH EC website) to distribute.

f. **Energy Aggregation - Town participation in Red Bank/Asbury Ordinance**

On June 5, 2023 Christine Nevin Meloro inquired to the SLH council if they had considered participating. The council was not aware of the program or what it offered. Christine offered to provide education and provided background on what the state had done in 2002, where Red Bank was designated as the lead municipal agency for sustainable Monmouth. Christine advised of the neighboring towns that are participating and mentioned the solar farm on Rt. 71. Residents can opt in if they choose

to. Christine returned with more information on how to participate and left the information with John Barrett, borough administrator. Christine to follow up. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk can reach out to the clerk at Red Bank to obtain more information on joining.

**g. Planning Board Applications**

Nancy Maclearie Hayduk advised that the planning board's agenda for August is to approve resolutions for single family homes that are preexisting non-conforming homes. Dunkin Donuts on Highway 71 wants to add a drive through lane and is proposing a smaller building to accommodate.

**h. SLH Tax Map**

Nancy Maclearie Hayduk has some materials that can be used in addition to the SLH Tax Map to create the ERI and will try to scan them. SLH does not currently have a formal ERI. We would potentially need professional involvement to help create one. The tax map could be enlarged to color code and designate areas of note. Potential uses included bringing it to planning board meetings.

**i. Commission Members Status**

Nancy Maclearie Hayduk confirmed that Sandy Denison is no longer participating.

**j. AmeriCore and EC**

There is no update at this time and there are no contacts listed yet. Richard Thumann to recheck for the next meeting.

**5.) New Business**

**a. ERI (Environmental Resource Inventory)**

See h. SLH Tax Map

**b. Mail from Borough Hall**

Green Heritage Sustainability in action newsletter, Sustainable NJ update

**6.) Voice of the Public**

Elizabeth Maricic and Bernadette Maricic 910 Woodcrest Dr. inquired if the town is still participating in providing composting bins and/or rain barrels for purchase. Nancy Maclearie Hayduk confirmed the county website now is offering information on how to build DIY composting bins.[Post Meeting Note]: Katherine Blasco followed up with Janine Gillis, town clerk, who confirmed the town has not been approached by the county and is therefore not participating.

**7.) Adjournment**

Motion/second: Richard Thumann, Lawrence Tencza, all in favor

Approved  
9/28/2023  
Katherine Blasco