

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 23rd, 2023
7:00

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – OPRA Notification

The meeting started at 7:03.

2. Members present

Christine Nevin-Meloro	Present
Lawrence Tencza	Present
Moira Easton Horan	Absent
Gaylen Nolan	Present
Katherine Blasco	Absent
Sandra Denison	Absent
Nancy Hayduk	via Phone
Richard Thumann	Present

Members of the Public:

Fanchea Jordan – resident of SLH - (510 Hwy 71)

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Gaylen Nolan, Second: Richard Thumann Vote: 4-0

4. Minutes approval (02-23-2023)

Motion: Rich, Second: Lawrence Tencza Vote: 4-0

5. Communications

The change of date of the commission meetings have been made on the town website, and have also been updated in the Coast Star. The agenda is published 48 hrs. prior to the meeting. Mail was recovered from the mailbox associated with the commission.

6. Old Business:

a. Reusable Bags Project - for Earth Day

The commission discussed creating the bag for the summer festival instead. The commission will investigate getting a table for the festival. Christine Nevin-Meloro mentioned the availability of getting environmental based games from ANJEC. Richard remembered a similar table in Pequannock and suggested bringing in the

wheel as it has a tendency to attract more people. The bag would be a giveaway there. The date from last year was 8/3 which was close to the National night out against crime

Action: Christine Nevin Meloro to follow up with Town Clerk to get date.

b. Map of SLH

Christine Nevin-Meloro wanted to know if all preset in the commission got a copy of the SLH map. Gaylen Nolan mentioned that the map did not reflect some property line changes.

c. ANJEC Membership Dues for SLH:

The ANJEC dues are paid. The commission members were encouraged to listen to the training provided by ANJEC.

d. Energy Aggregation

The commission is investigating the possibility of the town participating in Red Bank/Asbury solar projects. The commission is still researching whether its open or not

e. Planning Board Applications

The commission is looking to get someone to pass on information regarding new planning board applications. The town clerk has stated that the Secretary of the Planning board gets the application. The town Engineer checks the application for completeness. Asked the planning board secretary and there is only one copy. Will ask the planning board secretary to email agenda for the planning board. Nancy who is a member of the planning board mentioned that applications have slowed. The secretary of the board is Barbara von Wagner code@springlakehts.com

There is a single-family home looking for a variance.

The Shore Club may have a variance in the works.

Nancy reminded the commission about the town's ECODE link.

f. Allaire Road Wall Development

Rich attended the Wall Environmental Commission meeting on 3-16-2023 to ask about the development listed as 1920 Route 35 which is expected to have an additional opening on Allaire Road. The concern being stormwater retention and the number of trees being cut down to facilitate the construction.

After several emails between Richard and the Chair of the Wall committee Amanda Brockwell, the Wall committee has not seen a site plan as the Wall planning board has not received one. Amanda Brockwell will attempt to let Richard know if/when a site plan has been filed. She also encouraged me/other concerned SLH citizens to connect with the secretary of the Wall planning board to get agendas emailed to us.

Some background information:

The development at 1920 Route 35 is one development of many to support Wall's commitment to fair housing. It was mentioned in an Affordable Housing Presentation on 7-24-19 and a subsequent agreement on Affordable Housing later that year.

It is known as Long Meadow or Longwood Meadows and is block 151 and lot 10.1. The good news is that it is owned by Pittenger Builders which has a long history living and working in this area.

7. New Business:

a. Ludlow Avenue Site Status

Regarding the site with the NJDEP sign. The town does not want the commission to get involved as the property is under the process of remediation

b. Review dates for Agenda and Minutes to Borough Hall

As stated in Communications, 48 hrs. before meeting, agenda is posted, hardcopy to Borough Hall

c. Mail from Borough Hall

Mail was retrieved from the beginning of last year. No urgent notices.

d. What is the status of Sandy Denison as a committee member.

What is the end of her term? Is she still on the commission? Nancy Hayduk to reach out to Sandy to see how she is, Christine Nevin-Meloro to reach out to Town Clerk regarding ending of term.

e. Richard Thumann asked if the commission should reach out to the board of education, schools, scouts?

Gaylen Nolan and Nancy Hayduk recalled that the commission was more active with the schools when we had members that had children with the school. There may be a possibility of connecting school projects to ANJEC grants as well as just passing on key information from the commission to the school system

Action: Richard Thumann to draft a letter to the Board of Education expressing our interest in knowing/helping with environmental projects in the school. There is an Environmental Club in the school in SLH.

f. Richard Thumann asked if the board wanted to contact AmeriCore regarding Environmental Education.

In Pequannock and in Wall interns from AmeriCore provided guidance on trips showing macro-invertebrates. Nancy Hayduk and Gaylen Nolan mentioned school trips to Black Creek that used AmeriCore in the past.

g. Christine Nevin-Meloro mentioned Avon-By-the-Sea getting a Bronze award for environmental programs.

8. Voice of the public:

- a. Fanchea, asked a question about the Spring Lake Country Club and its maintenance Buildings on Route 71. She wondered if the club had an upcoming application to the Planning Board.

She was concerned about the state of the road, especially the lighting and the trash in that area on Route 71. Many teens take their bikes along that stretch of road to travel.

Gaylen Nolan mentioned that this issue was better suited perhaps better suited for a Council Meeting, and that their next meeting is 4/3

- b. Fanchea also brought up the putrifaction of Wreck Pond. Nancy Hayduk stated that this is due to lack of water flow. Dredging requires a letter to Monmouth Count to create a channel.
- c. Fanchea also brought up the area between Park and Monmouth ('wasteland') also known as Black Creek. The committee discussed the recollection of a promise from the Country Club to maintain that area.

9. Adjournment:

Motion: Gaylen Nolan, Second: Richard Thumann Vote: 4-0

Approved 7/27/23
