

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes - January 29, 2026

Call to Order 7:03

Pledge of Allegiance

OPMA notification

Members Update

Members present:

Christine Meloro, Elizabeth Marcic, Karen Burke, Richard Thumann

Approval of Agenda:

First Rich T, Second Karen B, Vote: 4-0

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

Rich T, Elizabeth M, 4-0

Old Business:

Annual EC Re-Organization:

We welcomed Karen Burke as a team member.

Christine Meloro and Larry Tencza are co-chairs

Elizabeth Marcic is Treasurer

Rich Thumann is Secretary

Confirm 2026 EC Meeting Dates – *approved and sent to Town Clerk*

SLH EC Sponsored Beyond Plastics Presentation - Votes

Recommended to the Borough Council:

Skip The Stuff - stop handing out plastic utensils with Take-out orders in Town restaurants and food take-out locations unless specifically requested by purchaser -

UPDATE - passed by the NJ State Legislature in January 2026;
and

Construction Dust Containment Ordinance - resubmitted to SLH Borough Council – *Action: Re present ordinance to council*

NEXT STEPS

SL GC Planning Board Resolution - Participation Plan

- Richard Thumann on the planning board

Planning Board Applications

- No full presentations for the planning board. A preliminary package for the corner near the shore club was briefly looked at

Visit to Mazza Recycling - online booking available with fee for each participant to be held by Credit card. No charge to card until final headcount is received by Mazza. – *Action: Christine*

New Business:

Earth Day Plans

Karen Burke suggested park cleanup, or tree replacement

Elizabeth was going to reach out to the schools

Environmental Resources Inventory - pursue for SLH – *No additional update*

More Notes:

A moment of silence was held for Nancy MacClearie a member of our commission who recently passed

A suggestion was made to plant a tree in her name

The committee should look into Anjec grants

Mail from Borough Hall, Council Mtgs Update

Voice of the public:

Frank Boenning was in the audience, provided some additional information on some of the workings of the Land Use Board when we discussed what was happening there.

Adjournment: Motion to close: RT, CM, 4-0

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Thumann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.