

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes for May 28, 2026

Call to Order at 7:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance,

OPRA notification

Members present

Elizabeth Marcic, Larry Tenza, Gaylen Nolan, Christine Meloro,
Rich Thumann

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Rich Thumann Second: Larry Tenza Vote: 5-0

Minutes approval

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Old Business:

Trip to Mazza Recycling – Recap. Highlights of the discussion included the differences of what Mazza allows and what the town lists as recyclable. Plastic numbers, caps on or off, cleaning of recyclables.

Action: Elizabeth to look at the differences and come up with 'reasons'

Energy Tip Stickers – Now targeted for the fall festival. Elizabeth to get with Janine to create the stickers in time

Skip the Stuff – Karen Burke has come up with a flyer. Committee to comment on the flyer in time for future handout and printing. This is a state statute and we want to spread awareness. Send comments to Karen and discuss next meeting

Raising Chickens – Town ordinance. Rich did not see at the time an ordinance regarding raising chickens in the backyard. However, Gaylen remembers no farm animals being in the town ordinances. Rich Thumann to follow up and create an ordinance or investigate further.

Tree Planting in memory for Nancy – Rich Thumann created a handout with four types of trees to be discussed as a memorial tree for Nancy Maclearie. At the meeting we settled on Oak and it would be located in the

green area off of wreck pond off of shore road. Actions were to get a proposal together for the town. Rich Thumann to do so. Subsequently other tree suggestions have come in. Also an issue to be resolved is what name for Nancy M should we use.

Land Use and ERI – nothing to report

New Business:

Cooperation with the school – no new communication with the school

Discussion about the grazing goats for Sea Girt – brief discussion about where they may help in SLH

Some thoughts on NJ Real – mostly shelved as the NJ govt. has suspended or delayed the rules

Discussion regarding getting scouts involved in projects

Discussed an osprey pole and possible Anjec grants

Voice of the public:

Katie Reynolds – discussed the girl scouts and how they may help us in future projects. Also her membership to the commission is still pending

Frank Boenning – also helped with the ongoing discussions.

Adjournment: Motion to close: Meeting closed at 8:18

Motion: Rich Thumann

Second: Gaylen Nolan

Vote: 5-0

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