

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – July 23, 2026

Call to Order 7:02

Pledge of Allegiance

OPRA Notification

Members present
Christine Meloro, Gaylen Nolan, Richard Thumann, Karen Burke

Approval of Agenda Motion: RT, Second: GN, Vote 4-0

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Old Business:

- Trip to Mazza Recycling - changes to SLH recycling program?; confirmed that the Town pays Mazza for recycling the trash
<hold over to next meeting>
- Energy Tips – sticker development update from EM
<hold over to next meeting>
- Raising chickens
Town ordinance prohibits non pets from being raised at home
Rich Thumann to review nearby town ordinances and report
- Skip The Stuff - Feedback on Flyer, publicity strategy
 - Remove the white border
 - remove the corners around the logo
 - other suggestions
 - Katie Reynolds offered to look at it as she had Canva and could edit
 - Confirmed language of the state law; remove reference to napkins and describe single-use utensils/cutlery and condiments as available only upon request. Proceed with initial flyer without waiting for a local business quote; possible business/Coast Star follow-up later.
- Tree Planting in Honor of Nancy Maclearie – Updates

Oak Tree, Nancy Maclearie as a name, okay with the marker, to be planted in the green space near Wreck Pond. Question about whether we should switch to weeping cherry, wisteria or Japanese Lilac

- Note this choice was changed. Sent the office a list of Mulberry, Eastern Redbud, and ServiceBerry

Letter sent to council indicating location, plaque and suggesting help from Larry Tencza. No formal word in response as of yet

- Land Use Board Report

No meeting for July. In June, the property across from Shore Club has a house and a separate building that is given the exception to operate a take out kitchen. The lot is zoned residential. He wants to expand his house, and convert the secondary building into a home for his mother. In terms of EC, there is a dry well to capture run off. The question basically is to grant a variance for 2 homes on a lot zoned for 1.

- Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) Update

Did an inventory of things to do

20 maps, 11 paragraphs, 9 photo sets, 7 lists and tables, completion and review

- Help from Frank Boenning was offered using DEP's GeoWeb.

- Possible removal of some paragraphs not as germane to the ERI

New Business:

- Cooperation with the School – no word

- Old trees and property development. Very old trees were in danger due to construction. Unsure what to do. Resident should bring that issue to council as there is no current tree policy

- Goat Grazing – Christine to look into

Voice of the Public:

Frank Boenning brought up the frequency of recycling suggesting that more frequent pickups should help the quality of the recycled material

Adjournment: Motion to close RT, Second GN vote 4-0, time 8:22

Richard Thuermer