

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting

Commission Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan
Peter Smith
Jackie Bay

Chris Capodanno
Nicholas Coppola

Elizabeth Hirschfeld
Audrey Lane

Student Liaison
Borough Council Liaison

Andrew Armani

1. Administration
November Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved
Andrew Armani was voted in to be recommended to the mayor as an alternate member
2. 2021 MLEC Goals
Ideas were discussed for formalization, including:
Stormwater MS4 Borough Compliance
ERI Completion
Noise Ordinance including Leafblower use and ML Train Station Speaker Announcements
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4. Liaison Updates

Planning Board

Park Lakes – approved to add 3 new courts and other renovation
Highview/Zeri's Project – Meeting scheduled virtual Dec 17th 7:30pm

EDAC – Rt 46 zoning changes were made and nothing new on Speedway Property. A discussion took place on a new website.

MLHS Liaison Update

The Environmental Club is meeting virtually, working on a recycling article for the Mountaineer, and other ideas around social media

DPW – New representative are the recycling center. Leaf clean up took place early during storms, but there was concern about storm drains being congested

Stormwater Management

MLEC representatives met with the Borough and MS4 compliance remains a work in progress. The DPW were working to identify previous documents and processes. Planning to reconvene in January. Compliance for permit renewal is May 1st.

Shade Tree

51 Trees in the last 3 weeks, focus on Oak replacement but also see more Sugar Maples and Elms. 4 were planted at the Schools and 15 at the Beaches

Green Team

Working to try to achieve Silver status in 2021 and update have been made on the membership

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm, next meeting scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 7:30pm