

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes (Draft)

February 21, 2019 7:30pm Borough Hall

Commission Members Present: Mimi Kaplan, Marnie Vyff, Nick Coppola, Kevin Driscoll, Allison Rankin, Peter Smith

Absent: Chris Capodanno, Jackie Bay

Student Liaisons: Kyla Hunter, Megan Beik,

Borough Council Liaison: Audrey Lane

Public Comments – none

Dec 18 meeting minutes approved with changes

Jan 15 meeting minutes approved with changes

MLHS Environmental Club Update (Kayla/Megan)

Bat house locations being considered - flyer to be distributed through school

Bat project article written in MLMountaineer (<http://www.mlmountaineer.org/bat-crazy-for-bat-houses/>).

Action - Audrey to see about posting MLMountaineer link within Boro weekly blast.

Project being discussed to send message regarding 1x use plastic by creating trash art.

Kevin Driscoll suggested using EC monies to support purchase of reusable cups as a alternative to 1x use beverage cups.

Action - Audrey to get cost estimates for reusable cup purchase and delivery time.

New DPW recycle signage is in progress.

ANJEC Morris County Round Table summary(Peter)

ANJEC hosted round table with EC groups from within Morris County on Feb 7 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Intended purpose was to get local towns together to build EC networks and capitalize on common goals. Peter reports round table was positive and we should continue to attend.

Action - Peter to send ANJEC meeting summary and participant contact list by email to EC. ASAP

Whippany Watershed Meetings held monthly at Morris County Library as a additional networking opportunity.

Summary of meeting with Mark Prusina regarding reactivation Boro Storm Water Pollution Prevention Team within the DPW. EC in full support. Final decision to be determined by Mark.

EC Water Usage Plan (WUP) recommendation to Borough Council update

Audrey Lane raised status of EC WUP recommendations to Council at previous meeting.

Council has concluded that at present need for revised WUP is not a priority.

Action - Audrey request council to respond to EC in writing so that EC may officially conclude the action. The WUP will be reviewed again in 5 years

Additional Council updates from Audrey to EC

Birchwood and Island beach structural improvement projects underway

Sunset and Grummands (sp) aka Reservoir Pond dam improvement project costs being established by Council.

Action - Marnie and Audrey to request project plans for EC & STC review.

Action - Audrey to request Manor Project water usage permit and provide to EC.

Environmental Ordinance Review (Mimi)

Goal to insure ML EC related ordinance is current with the times. Different ordinances were tasked to group to compare with and determine gaps with other progressive towns within NJ. Groups to report back next month with progress. See list below.

EIS (Nick)

Air Quality (Chris)

Soil Moving (Kevin)

Soil and Erosion Control (Kevin)

Wellhead Protection (Mimi)

Noise (Mimi)

Surface Water Management, wetland, vernal ponds (Peter/Allison)

Sustainability & Highlands (Marnie)

Steep slopes, disturbances (Jackie)

@10pm meeting was adjourned.

Action Summary by next meeting unless noted otherwise

Who	What	When
Audrey	Post MLMountaineer link within Boro weekly Blast	3/19
Audrey	Cost estimates for reusable cups (time sensitive)	ASAP
Peter	Share ANJEC meeting summary and participant contact list to EC	ASAP
Audrey	Request Council response regarding WUP	3/19
Marnie/Audrey	Request dam and beach project plans	3/19
Audrey	Request Manor Project water usage permit	3/19

Next meeting March 19, 7:30 Borough Hall