

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes – June 21, 2022

MLEC Members present: Mimi Kaplan, Marnie Vyff, Allison Rankin, Neeke Swart, Jackie Bay

1. Administration

April Meeting Minutes were approved

Student Internship – Discussion on the parent of George Gillian request for internship. It was confirmed at this stage there is not an internship program with the Borough and the timing would not work. This information was shared along with the application process for Student Membership and meeting schedule for anyone to join.

2. Development

Blue 701 meeting was postponed again due to stormwater issues.

3. Borough Newsletter – Jackie suggests the Borough subsidize a mailing with info about the different committees, discussing what they are doing. Examples like No mow May; no dumping in pocket parks; Shade Tree planting promotion. We all will write tag lines to attract new members. Marnie can make it look good and make a QR code for it.

What can EC offer? – Discussion on revitalizing the Noise Ordinance based on reading decibel levels. Andrew had lead the effort but has left the Commission. Find new head of bringing it to Borough Council. Dan will talk to Mitchel Stern to see how many complaints there are. There is a NJ model ordinance we can use.

4. Master plan – The EC is interested in having an EC member on the Master Plan committee for the Climate Action Plan Section. Mimi will contact Marty again.

5. Birchwood Raingarden – Chris will do July inspection.

6. Highlands – Dan had patched in by phone to the Highlands Meeting. There is a grant to go through the Borough's stuff to see what needs to change.

Meeting adjourned and the next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2022 @7:30pm via Zoom.