

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2019 7:30pm Borough Hall

Commissioner Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan Peter Smith
Chris Capodanno Marnie Vyff

Megan Beik Student Representative

Public Attendees: David Horst

1. Public Comments

- Mr. David Horst attending the meeting as a guest and potential future member

2. Administration

- May 21st Meeting minutes were reviewed and endorsed for posting
- Two Student Member Applications were reviewed and will be followed up for individual meetings

3. Update on Development Projects

Zeri's Inn 372 US-46, Mountain Lakes Development

- A presentation made on the development of this property to the Borough Council by the ML Economic Development Advisory Committee was reviewed
- The hotel development was noted, and more specific review was made on the Gas Station and Convenience Store (Wawa) as related to oil & gas leaks, location on top of an aquifer, location abutting wetlands, and how the development coincides with the current ordinances including wellhead protection
- It was agreed to make further review with the Economic Committee, while noting the development is not in formal proposal stage

Birchwood and Island Beach Renovations

- An update was provided on the paving at Birchwood Lake, and proposed structures and development at Island Beach

4. Whippany River Watershed Action Committee

- An updated was provided on potential grants available to be explored

5. ML Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) Update 2019

- Detailed sections of the ERI were reviewed and for future member assignment in the forthcoming meetings

6. ML Environmental Ordinances 2019 review

- Following the ERI Update, Ordinances will be reviewed. Members are to study existing ML ordinances, benchmark other town ordinances, and identify other sources for improvement.
- A good resource is SustainableJersey:
<http://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions-certification/actions/>
 - 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)

There will be no July Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Next Meeting scheduled for August 20th 7:30pm Borough Hall