

# Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021 7:30pm Zoom Meeting

## Commission Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan	Allison Rankin	Eric Lee	Student Liaison
Nicholas Coppola	Andrew Armani		
Marnie Vyff			
Dan Happer	Council Liaison		

1. Administration  
April meeting minutes approved
2. Highlighted important issues to emphasize at 5/20/21 PB meeting:
  - Recommend fewer gas pumps
  - Confirm green infrastructure installations – minimize water demands
  - Support request to plant trees to shield light pollution
3. Discussion regarding proposed well installation at Sunrise for irrigation. Dan Happer will follow-up because the general understanding was that this was not allowed.
4. Minor Development amendment presentation discussion concluded with need to invite town engineer, Bill Ryden, to attend next meeting to clarify and answer some questions. Mimi will contact Mitchell Stern to coordinate scheduling.
5. Next steps for Noise Ordinance Update: Andrew outlined the three main issues regarding inclusion of leaf blower:
  - Noise – excessive high decibel levels. Scientific data has proven negative health effects
  - Air pollution – increase in particulate matter
  - Alternatives – electric leaf blowers.

Need to set-up focus groups to get input from residents, BC members and landscapers. Plan is to work with communities that have already passed these ordinances.
6. Liaison Updates:
  - MLHS liaison: Meeting with Bednar to set date to plant. Held Earth Day bake sale and donating money to a TBD organization.
  - EDAC – looking to develop open lots across from Zeri's Inn
  - Allison- Living Shoreline Project – delayed, not postponed. Will know more in early June. Hydroraking complete
  - Marnie- Green Team submission date is 6/6 and looks like ML is in line for maintaining Silver status. Applying for small grant to support some actions.
  - Nick - PB updates: Dynamic Engineering made positive changes for stormwater run-off filtering. ML opted out of allowing cannabis businesses in municipality by passing ordinance.
  - Allison/Peter – SPPP meeting with Doug Edler (DPW), scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm, next Zoom meeting scheduled for June 15, 2021@7:30pm.

