

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019 7:30pm Borough Hall

Commissioner Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan	Peter Smith
Chris Capodanno	Allison Rankin
Kevin Driscoll	

Kyla Hunter	- Student Representative
Megan Beik	- Student Representative

Audrey Lane	- Borough Council Liaison
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Public Attendees:

Brian Marshall

1. Public Comments

- Mr. Brian Marshall attended for the Cove Riparian Buffer discussion

2. Cove Riparian Buffer

- Mr. Marshall presented a history of this riparian buffer which was recognized by the NJ DEP. The area is in a situation that is difficult to maintain.
- The Environmental Commission recommended to Council to maintain all of the existing healthy native plants and add a combined grass and clover cover for residents to enjoy, or as an alternate repopulate with additional native plants.

3. ANJEC Roundtable

- Mimi Kaplan, Kyla Hunter, and Megan Beik represented Mountain Lakes at this May 16th meeting. Various presentations were made and networking with other local municipalities. A NJ Environmental Municipal Alliance is being formed.

4. ML Storm Water Pollution Prevention Team

- Allison Rankin and Peter Smith attended the DPW meeting and discussed this topic for continued monitoring and awareness. The topic of a Potable Water sub commission was also discussed.

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

- A draft presented to Council was shared for development of a Hilton Hotel and Wawa Convenience/Fuel Store. It has not yet been presented to the Planning Board which will precede the Environmental Review.

6. ML ERI & Environmental Ordinances 2019 review

- In advance of the Environmental Ordinance Review the development of the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) was reviewed. The various topics are being broken down to individuals or sub-committees.

7. Committee Liaison Updates

- Lakes Committee updated on the Beach Renovation Projects and Hydro Raking
- Shade Tree Commission provided updates on the Ash Tree Removal, Ordinance Updates, and other developments.
- DPW has updated the community on Recycling 1, 2 & 5 Plastics.
- Student Members have collected single use cups at the school and are moving forward to create a Plastic Art Project to raise awareness of waste along with fact sheets.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

Next Meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019 7:30pm Borough Hall