

# Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting

## **Commission Members Present:**

Mimi Kaplan	Jackie Bay
Nicholas Coppola	Allison Rankin
Marnie Vyff	Peter Smith

Elizabeth Hirschfeld, Eric Lee                      Student Liaisons

### 1. Administration

March meeting minutes were approved

### 2. Noise Ordinance

First discussion of Draft Ordinance. All in favor, so Andrew and Mimi will put together a presentation outline (highlighting noise and air pollution and timeline for who to meet with (residents, landscapers, etc.) and schedule a meeting with representative from Quiet Montclair. Request to inquire at DPW meeting how much longer Conrail will be running COVID announcements at the Station.

### 3. Highview Homes, LLC Application (Aka Zeris Property)

- -In the Dynamic Engineering memo dated 4/5/21 they revised their calculations for estimated domestic water demand for the Store, Office Building, Hotel including laundry to 34,298.13 GPD Total Demand.
- -In the Dever Architects letter dated 4/2/21 they sized the pool at 30' x 15' and estimated the pool water volume at 13,500 gallons of water. They estimated water loss of 1/4" per day and approximately 25,000 gallons per year. The applicant intends to bring a tank truck in for the initial filling.
- -Per the Dynamic Engineering letter dated 4/5/21, the overall existing impervious coverage creating stormwater runoff will be reduced in the by approximately 4,918 sq ft.
- -In response to the 3/18/21 letter from the Denville Engineer, the Applicant has included in his revised drainage design, inlet filters manufactured by Flexstorm and a manufactured treatment device with an oil storage capacity of approximately 1000 gallons. The device is manufactured by Hydro International.

### 4. Mountain Lakes Beautification

The discussion on planting on Route 46 continued with updated email from Marc Smolinski from DOT. Letter of clarification to follow. Jackie and Chris will meet to discuss next steps.

### 5. Liaison Updates

- MLHS liaisons – Meeting needs to be scheduled on the Botanical Garden with Bednar to schedule planting. Eric and others cleared out the space with Mr. Sica. The HS Environmental Club completed it's recycling video and article on recycling. Scheduled Earth Day Bake Sale.
- EDAC – Discussion on whether to allow legalized Cannabis Dispensaries in ML.
- Lakes – Living Shoreline on hold until the Fall, canal clean-up discussion with MLC and Birchwood Hydroraking has begun.
- Green Team – moving forward with Sustainable NJ actions, next event is at Garden Club Plant Sale: handing out reusable EC bag when pledge to not use single-use plastic bag has been signed and Stormwater Pollution Prevention motto stickers, "Only Rain Down the Drain" will be given out, too.
- Birchwood Woodlands Raingarden need to check with Brian re: mulch and spraying of deer repellent

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm, next meeting scheduled for May 19, 2021 @7:30pm.