

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Mar 16, 2021 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting

Commission Members Present:

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| Mimi Kaplan | Chris Capodanno | Jackie Bay |
| Nicholas Coppola | Allison Rankin | Andrew Armani |
| Marnie Vyff | Peter Smith | |
| Elizabeth Hirschfeld | Student Liaison | |
| Eric Lee | Student Liaison | |
| Dan Happer | Borough Council Liaison | |

Public Attendee's:

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| Jennifer & Brian Lynch | 1 Fernwood Trail |
| Catherine Hadjiloucas | 5 Lakewood Drive |
| Ellen Foppes | 29 Rainbow Trail |
| Dena Muniz | 7 Rainbow Trail |

1. Administration
 - February Meeting Minutes were reviewed and confirmed
2. Development

Highview Route 46/Zeri's Property Water Usage

 - A review of the updated Water Usage Report was conducted and usage is 3 times greater than the above the original proposal.
 - MLEC will write to the Borough Engineer and Planning Board requesting that proposed water use is still needed for the pool, dishwashers in each room, guest washing machine use and irrigation.
3. Ordinance Review
 - Stormwater Management Reviewed by MLBC and MLPB and will be presented for final adoption 3/22/21. MLEC submitted the information requested by the BC members with pros/cons for inclusion of Minor Development.
 - The presentation of the Minor Development Ordinance is still being confirmed on which Borough Council meeting agenda it may be included and additional information comparing current handling of improved lot coverage to Minor Development guidelines.
4. Liaison Updates

MLHS Liaisons

 - Botanical Garden is being further discussed and improved upon
 - MLHSEC Recycling Video (Youtube) will be shared as well as Mountaineer articles
 - Events are being planned around Earth Day

Planning Board

 - PB voted in favor of the Stormwater Ordinance change and it will go before Council
 - EDAC is looking to add two new members. Two developers have reached out feeling out opportunities on Route 46, but no formal applications.

DPW – Additional Raingardens are being discussed at Island Beach

Shade Tree Commission

- Intervale Road has had significant Tree Removal, and discussion is taking place with JCP&L on replanting and a meeting scheduled the 24th
- A Tree Sapling program is planned and final details are being confirmed with COVID but Arbor Day Wildwood Event, Trout Derby, and coordination with Woodlands Committee Activities
- Discussion around the Mountain Lakes High School construction project is on-going and any budgeting they have planned for Tree Replacement

Lakes Advisory Committee

- Canal is seeing some siltation. Hydroraking is under review at Birchwood
- Living Shoreline Project in planning stage

5. Public Comments

- Question and concerns were raised about Vernal Pool locations, and that any species list will be shared with the MLEC
- It was indicated that a tax map shows the property extending beyond the train tracks, but MLEC advised that in the plans shared by developer with application that the property line ends at the train tracks.
- Appreciation was expressed that the MLEC is focusing on Water Usage

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm, next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021 7:30pm