

**Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting**

Commission Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan Chris Capodanno Peter Smith Kevin Driscoll Jackie Bay Nicholas Coppola Allison Rankin Elizabeth Hirschfeld -Student Liaison Audrey Lane -Borough Council Liaison, Andrew Armani - resident

1. Introduce Andrew Armani – EC candidate

2. Approve October Meeting Minutes

3. MLHS Environment Club Botanical Garden update/presentation (Elizabeth)

Project progressing. Liaisons met with R. Dunn regarding MLHS space and logistics and Keith Bednar, Bednar Landscaping, to discuss plant choices. Bednar is donating all plants, soil and mulch, which is greatly appreciated. Other cost is for proposed bench, but first going to reach out to Nash Simat to see if TREX bench (composed of collected plastic wraps over 2019 and great example of demonstrate circular economics) is available. Marnie had 30 plant ID tags available to provide to the club.

4. Green Team update

Team reorganization and new member application just received and needs to be reviewed by all current members

5. Route 46 Tree planting project update

Project continues to get organized with development of subcommittee volunteers.

6. Birchwood Woodlands Raingarden Project

Mimi putting together maintenance schedule for 2021 designating EC and MLHSEC members to specific months for responsibility of monthly maintenance, outlined in B. Marshall Maintenance Checklist.

7. Stormwater Mgt Meeting

Sunrise Project – sprinkler water volume not included in water usage! Need to understand “why not”.

8. Speedway tank closure report copy requested from Borough once available

DPW Stormwater meeting Nov 20 regarding MS4 permit process

Liaison Updates

- Planning Committee update (Nic)

Highpoint project review available to public Nov 19

Park Lakes Tennis Club in discussion phase (?)

- EDAC meeting Dec 1

- Lake Management update (Allison)

Lake has begun to fill, boards are in.

Living Shore Line project approved for Wildwood Lake

- DPW update (Mimi)

Morris Ave improvements/repaving underway

Recycling Center improvement updates

Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) in progress. ML to be included in ANJEC BETA test in January

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm, next meeting scheduled for Dec 15, 2020 7:30pm