

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting

Commission Members Present:

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| Mimi Kaplan | Chris Capodanno |
| Peter Smith | Kevin Driscoll |
| Jackie Bay | Nicholas Coppola |
| Allison Rankin | |
| Elizabeth Hirschfeld | Student Liaison |
| Eric Lee | Student Liaison |
| Audrey Lane | Borough Council Liaison |

1. Administration

- Approve September Meeting Minutes

2. Route Tree planting project update

- An update was provided on considering planting trees along route 46, and a review for grants, presentation to Borough Council, and a possible sub-committee was discussed

3. Follow-Up with ERI and Storm Water Maintenance Schedule requests for Sunrise

- The MLEC met with the Sunrise Builders and confirmed the irrigation, sprinkler, and drip systems.
- Water will draw from Mountain Lakes and no wells were installed, and a further review of Water Usage is recommended

5. Woodland Rain Garden completed

- Maintenance schedule is under review

6. Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Resolution passed

- A resolution was passed and sent to the State
- The majority of businesses in Mountain Lakes supported and appreciated the heads up in order to manage inventories.

7. Liaison Updates

Student Liaisons

- The Botanical Garden for the High School was discussed with Administration and approved. Need to get costs to submit for PO's.
- Planning Board
- Park Lakes Tennis Club is requesting permission to build 3 new platform tennis courts, a raised walkway and a new deck. Oct 22nd will be a review at the Planning Board. Will remove 7 Tree's during the process.
- Route 46 Zeri's project developer will be presenting in person at the Manor, scheduled for Oct 29th 7:30pm with provisions for the public to attend
- On Oct 28th EDAC will hold a meeting that presents information on Mountain Lakes

Shade Tree Commission

- Fall Right of Way Tree Inventories + Work orders are in progress this month

- Sunrise Development meeting was held to review the status of the Buffer Plantings
- Site reviews for the planting of 56 Tree's to be planted in town are in progress and some residents were approached if interested to plant in the right of way.
- Beach Project Planting is being finalized for November.

DPW

- A presentation was made at the last Borough Council meeting on the Island Beach completed construction project.

Lakes Advisory Board

- The lake drawdown started October 1st
- A Living Buffer is being reviewed which can include native species and serving as a test shoreline

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm, next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2020 7:30pm