

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting

Commission Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan
Nicholas Coppola
Marnie Vyff

Chris Capodanno
Allison Rankin
Peter Smith

Jackie Bay
Andrew Armani

Eric Lee
Conrad Lewis
Dan Happer

Student Liaison
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Borough Council Liaison

1. Administration
September Meeting Minutes were approved
2. 2022 Planning Budget & Goals
 - The Mountain Lakes Master Plan is under review and further points will be shared related to Environmental topics
 - Budgeting & Goal Review needs to be taken up and to confirm timing of submission with the Borough Manager. Some new considerations may be:
 - Plastic Bag ban and supporting local businesses
 - Route 46 and other Beatification Projects
3. Development Updates
 - Maintenance of Water and other Filter Standards of new Developments was discussed, and how that maintenance schedule is formalized. It was agreed to raise this with the Borough Management to confirm scheduling and how it is reported
 - The MLEC response to the 333 Rt 46W Development application was submitted
 - 367 Bloomfield Avenue (Route 46) Application and Zoning Variance was received by the MLEC for comments by Nov 18th
4. Liaison Updates
 - Shade Tree Commission (Chris)
 - There was agreement to plant along Intervale Road, working on locations as it is a limited ROW and under power lines
 - Green Team (Marnie)
 - Sustainable Jersey results are not yet reported but a minimum Bronze will be achieved
 - A Student member has joined as first Student Liaison to the Green Team
 - Planning Board (Nick)
 - The next meeting is scheduled Oct 28th and an application is to be heard on Sunrise signage
 - EDAC (Nick)
 - 100 businesses in ML have been assigned for contact regarding expansion or other plans
 - Some dialog is taking place about approaching NJ Transit to develop the previous Speedway location on Rt 46 as a Train Station
 - Rt 46W Zoning will be presented to council soon with conditional uses
 - Lakes Management (Allison)
 - Solitude planning for Living Shoreline has not yet been submitted but forthcoming
 - Hydroraking of Birchwood is scheduled for late November
 - A Stormwater Prevention meeting was held and an update was provided about street debris removal

Student Liaisons (Eric/Conrad)

- A Leadership team was set up with MLEC and STC Student Liaison members to work on the MLHS Botanical Garden
- Grass seed has been planted, elevated Beds created, and a sprinkler system has been installed. Native Shrubs have been received for planting and will be done this week
- It was recommended if the Leadership Team can prepare a presentation to the Borough Council

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm, next meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 16th, 2021
7:30pm