

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
November 28, 2017

Commissioner Members Present:

John Horan	Nicholas Coppola	Cy Korman
Mimi Kaplan	Khizar Sheik	
Marnie Vyff	Kevin Driscoll	

1. Welcome and Public Comments
2. Review and Endorsing Previous Meeting Minutes – October Minutes endorsed
3. Budget Update
 - a. Collected member comments and integrated into final budget submission for 2018
 - b. Borough needs to communicate to EC environmental focus and what needs will be for 2018. Cy Korman to follow-up with Hydrology specialist
 - c. Update: Review budget spending on quarterly basis going forward(Mar, June, Sept Dec)
 - d. Need to schedule new Borough Manager to attend our January meeting to introduce EC members and discuss budget requests.
4. Student Member Update – Only one applicant who is more interested in Shade Tree Commission. Forwarded name to them.
5. Stream Monitoring Program Update: Marnie assisted Watershed Ambassador, Gigi Graham with Stream assessment. Marnie will forward report/analysis to EC members.
6. Water Usage Plan Update – Mimi and Nick looked over the draft plan and made comments that were shared with all EC members. EC is in agreement that current water consumption and future water demands must be considered for any Economic Development Plans. The following questions need to be answered before we proceed any further:
 - a. What the purpose of this Water Usage Plan? Is it to educate, advocate or take a position?
 - b. Request made to put into place stipulation that any future development projects be required to provide it's own water supply. If it can't, the project can't proceed.
 - c. Need to schedule meeting with Bill Ryden:
 - i. Discuss March 10, 2014 EC statement discussing firm capacity as it relates to assumptions regarding the status and capability of Well #2 if Well #5 was shut down.

- ii. To better understand DEP equations used for future water usage compared with actual.
- 7. Green Team – Participated in Wildwood Community Day, 11/18. Educated individuals about the MLEC, composting, rain barrels and generated more support for the Better Bag Challenge with signed pledges. Marnie and Mimi were the EC reps for this event.
- 8. Short discussion of the 5 proposed ML Economic Development sites.