

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2018 7:30pm Borough Hall

Commissioner Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan	Marnie Vyff
Kevin Driscoll	Khizar Sheikh

Kyla Hunter – Student Representative
David Shepherd – Borough Council Liaison

1. Public Comments – None

2. Administration

- Ms. Megan Beik to join as additional Student Rep for 2018-2019

3. 2018 Fall Student Member Activities

It was discussed for the Student Membership role to take lead on some specific items including

- Monthly Green Tips to be included in the Borough Hall Weekly Email Blast News Letter
- Identify key current environmental issues at the Mountain Lakes Schools, such as reducing use of plastic bags (better bag challenge) /straws in ML, promote composting to MLHS and educate students, and developing strategies to increase student involvement.
- Take leadership roles in Eco Weekend

4. New Development & Property Review Procedures

Request to the Borough Council that protocol put in place at Borough Hall that insures that all appropriate parties (Commissions/Committees) are contacted with all materials regarding ML development/community issues at the same time.

5. Property Development

It was proposed to have a formal procedure for evaluating properties that require EC review:

- Notify all EC members of projects/application requiring letters to DEP, Zoning /Planning Board for EC comments
- Schedule date to walk/review plans/paperwork
- Draft response for all to review – edits/additions/deletions/verifications
- Send final approved ML Environmental Commission response

6. MLEC Property Development Reviews

It was proposed that we assign individual members to lead the facilitation of key topics to ensure ownership and progress, while we continue to work as a team.

These are:

- a) Water Use Plan Follow-Up – Mimi - Will also work with Marnie for grant request from Highlands.

- b) New Jersey Highlands Highlands Council - Marnie
Continue engagement as well as consideration of membership.

- c) ML Development Projects: New and follow-up of: Nick, Kevin and one more person

- US 46/420 Blvd (Block 6, Lot 14 ML Racquet Club)

Further review of the MLEC response to application for a permit or approval to NJDEP was mailed May 4, 2018.

- Old Bloomfield Ave (Sunrise Assisted Living Facility)

Mimi attended the July 27th Borough Hall meeting where the presentation from the project architect was made and responded to the Borough Manager and Council Members regarding water use overage possibility.

- Development US 46/367 Bloomfield Ave (Condominium Proposal)

The MLEC submitted a response, including concerns, on June 25th to be reviewed at the Zoning Board meeting scheduled 7/12/18.

- Development of Melrose Ave (Block 68, Lot 25.02 addition)

An MLEC response to notification of application for a freshwater wetlands transition area waiver was sent May 30, 2018.

- Open Space & Grants – Khizar, Chris

It was discussed to work on possible strategies.

- Stormwater Management – Allison, James

Review 2018 changes and schedule meetings with DPW. Allison to take the lead to gather further updates.

- Student Member Leadership - Kevin

It was agreed to further enhance and support our MLEC Student Members.

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