Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018 7:30pm Borough Hall

Commissioner Members Present:

Chris Capodanno Marnie Vyff
Kevin Driscoll Peter Smith
Nicholas Coppola Allison Rankin

Kyla Hunter - Student Representative Megan Beik - Student Representative

David Shepherd - Borough Council Liaison

1. Public Comments - None

2. Administration

- June 19, 2018 & June 31, 2018 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and endorsed.
- A review of Membership was conducted, and proposal will be made to Borough Council for Nick Coppola as Regular Member and extension of Peter Smiths appointment.
- Megan Beik was welcomed as a new Student Representative Member.
- There are Open Positions in the Environmental Commission and it was agreed to recommend to Borough Council to Post and welcome interested individuals.

3. MLEC Property Development Review Process with Borough

- The MLEC Council Liaison confirmed that any new Development is first proposed to the Planning Board, who then formally approach the Environmental Commission for input by the Planning Board Chair.
- At times there are reviews before the formal applications, and good communication to be continued noting support of Planning Board Commissioner Nick Coppola and Councilman David Shepard on the Planning Board who are also members of the MLEC.

4. MLEC Property Development Review and MLEC Lead

Sunrise Assisted Living, Old Bloomfield Ave, Block 118.04 Lot 2.01 (Kevin)

- It was confirmed this has not been presented to the Planning Board as Borough Council reviews the approval of Assisted Living in the Borough.
- MLEC Input on the Water Usage was welcomed to the Borough Manager.
- Water Capacity is under the Evaluation of the State, while the Borough Engineer would conduct local studies with input of the MLEC.
- The number of residents, employee's, and other issues related to the possible development are still to be determined and reviewed.

Lead's were confirmed for the following potential Development Projects:

Mountain Lakes Racquet Club, 420 Blvd & US 46, Block 6, Lot 14 (Chris)

<u>367 Bloomfield Avenue, Condominium Proposal, Block 9, Lot 3</u> (Kevin)

Borough Hall Expansion Reviews (Peter)

5. Student Member Initiatives

Ms. Kyla Hunter and Ms. Megan Beik provided updates related to the ML High School Environmental Club including:

- Composting Expansion in the High School
- Exploring a Greenhouse in the High School
- A possible Mountain Lakes Recycling Video
- Providing Highlights in the Mountaineer Publication on Environmental and Sustainability Issues
- Potential Engagement with Wildwood and other Mountain Lakes Schools by the MLEC Student Representatives

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2018 7:30pm Borough Hall