

Lopatcong Township Environmental Commission

4-14-15

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order- 7:09 pm

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call- Everyone is present

John Fox

Elora Nowak

Mark Gural

Juniper Leifer

Judy Liptak

Gerry Harkin

Approve 3/10/15 Meeting Minutes

“All in Favor”

Put title to resolution

Announcements

The spill from Wakfern remediation April 13-16, 2015. Get report.

Tree stumps along Rt. 57

National Trails Day Sat. June 6, 2015

Maybe can do a Sponsor Hike?

Explore Lopatcong Trail.

Township to put on website, have a notice outside.

Point of historic Morris Canal- give educational background, canal museum.

Publicize Environmental Commission is leading the hike.

Hand out a flyer about the Morris Canal.

Bring a bottle of water.

Judy Liptak, taking on the trail event and putting together information.

Heritage Trail- Connect them.

Agenda Items

Vice Chairman- Nominated Mark Gural

Second- Gerry Harkin

All in Favor Vote.

ANJEC Membership- Waiting on budget to make final decision.

Budget should be done soon.

Second- Judy Liptak

Roll Call

John Fox

Elora Nowak

Mark Gural

Juniper Leifer

Judy Liptak

Gerry Harkin

All in Favor Vote.

Discussion Items

ERI- Was it adopted into the master plan? Very important to find out.

Bring site plans as they come up and review them.

Look into Planning Board & Site Plan requirements to see if required to provide a plan to Environmental Commission.

What's our purpose to review in a site plan? Would be that **ALL** Environmental requirements were met. Need to create public awareness.

Reading and deciding on a Mission Statement.

Point of view or sentence for Mission Statement. Deadline **April 28, 2015.**

Prepare an idea of one before next meeting- present ideas before then if you have any or write up a sample of one.

Determine Committees- Need to do that for events, projects, site plan reviews, etc.

John Fox, Mark Gural and Gerry Harkin, Site Plan Committee

Judy Liptak, and Elora Nowak, Events/Projects.

Gerry Harkin, and Twyla Bartlett, Outreach & Opportunity.

Committee Report at the beginning of every meeting.

Ask for donations for events?

Essay-Middle School kids and Bumper Stickers or poster contest for the younger kids.

Could have the contest every year for the kids.

Rain Barrel Workshop Proposal

Next meeting to invite Commissioners from another town. Greenwich.

Rain Barrel presentation- teach us to build one and how to install one to use at home.

Review **ERI** open space records.

ERI- What existed before it? Is this the one now that we have and if so, it needs to be adopted to our Master Plan. Only addresses Highlands area but Lopatcong is in the whole Highlands area. Says the ERI- was adopted officially in 2012.

Bring in a Liaison for the ERI to determine.

Ingersoll Rand Redevelopment- Look at it more closely keeping everyone posted on it.

Ordinance changes proposed and rescinded.

Maybe changes to ordinance to the language where alternates would not be appointed by Mayor but by voting body. We are in current law. Ordinance remains the same.

Superfund Site- Where does our water come from?

Containment Issues

Washington- Can take decades to clean up contamination. May get to us in Lopatcong. Prevention. Chair/Lopatcong Creek Initiative.

Juniper works with the Lopatcong Creek Initiative but there isn't a conflict.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Second- Mark Gural

All in Favor

