

Lopatcong Township Environmental Commission
5-12-15
Meeting Minutes

***Secretary, Nicole Venezia, was unavailable to attend this meeting. The minutes attached represent the notes taken by Chair, Juniper Leifer, while running the meeting. No votes, except to approve previous meeting minutes, were taken. The following notes reflect the content of the meeting.**

Call to order 7:20pm

Pledge

Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

John Fox
Elora Nowak
Juniper Leifer
Judy Liptak
Gerry Harkin

Absent: Mark Gural

Minute Minutes Approved for 4/14/15 meeting:

Motion to approve: Juniper Leifer, second: Jon Fox

All in favor

Discussion: We will make suggestions to the secretary for some adjustments to record future minutes at next meeting.

Announcements:

Discussed possibly attending meeting related to Scenic Byway. We will make commissioners aware of future meetings to provide the opportunity.

Discussed Council approval of EC enrollment in ANJEC, at a cost of \$350 including the workshop plan. The outreach committee will work on membership registration.

Discussed upcoming Marble Hill hike for National Trail Days, June 6. The events committee hard is at work making arrangements for speakers and donations to enhance the event. Lopatcong Creek Initiative will also sponsor the event by donating recycled, reusable water bottles for distribution to attendees.

Committee Reports:

Events Committee:

Discussed hike and distributing flyer through school's virtual backpack, county preservation day event, getting a table at Lopatcong Community Day.

Site Plan Review Committee:

Nothing to report.

Outreach & Opportunity Committee:

Related discussions include registration for ANJEC membership and future outreach to Highlands Council liaison, Chris Ross, for future presentation to commission.

Mission Statement Discussion: Jon Fox presented a prepared statement. Juniper Leifer presented a prepared statement. Gerald Harkin requested some amendments to represent the meaningful components of our work in an opening sentence. Commissioners will research, prepare their own submissions, and the discussion will continue at future meetings. Deadline to submit new ideas for inclusion in mission statement set for May 26.

Other Agenda Discussions:

Open Space maps/records – still no copies from planner. Chair to follow up to obtain for future review ASAP.

Rain Barrel workshop – still no response from Greenwich EC on collaborative event – will keep trying for a bit and then move forward with our own plans in absence of interest.

Stormwater site-plan review presentation to be scheduled with ANJEC for June 9th meeting. Invitations will be distributed to neighboring town governments and boards to present opportunity to join in.

Close meeting. All in Favor.