

# **Lopatcong Township Environmental Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**8/11/15**

**Call to Order**- 7:09 pm.

### **Roll Call**

Gerald Harkin- Present

Twyla Bartlett- Absent

Mark Gural- Present

Juniper Leifer- Present

Elora Nowak- Present

Jonathan Fox- Present

Judy Liptak- Present

**Approve Minutes** from 7/14/15 was seconded by Judy Liptak with an "ALL IN FAVOR" vote.

### **Announcements**

Stream clean-up is scheduled for 9/26/15. Trout unlimited will be meeting with Juniper Leifer updates to follow.

### **Committee Reports**

**Outreach & Opportunity**- None to report.

**Site Plan-** None to report. Do need to find out if the development next to the Phillipsburg Mall will be replacing the trees that were cut down?

“Trees being replenished is the question not the site plan. It was said that we didn’t have a Shade Tree or Environmental Commission at the time. The assumption is that all rules are being followed. We were told that planting is going to occur on site.” **This statement is per the conversation at the meeting between the Environmental Commission, Gary Van Vliet, and Joe Pryor.**

**Add to Agenda- Site remediation group on the spill. Waiting on final results. Juniper Leifer will be reaching out and finding out more information.**

\*Possibility of joining clean-up with an Amnesty Day. They are waiting on grant approval.\*

**Chair Report-** Ingersoll Rand- New developer’s presentation will be held on August 27, 2015 at 6pm.

NJRC&D- Nancy Lawler to add projects into the Watershed Management Plan. Getting a list together of projects that we can get involved in.

**Events & Projects-** Community Day planning, flyers to make posters, borrow enviroscape to do a presentation. Banner made for Environmental Commission. Guided Trail Hike by Jonathan Fox. The Mission Statement will be on poster to keep. Will follow up with Twyla Bartlett about ANJEC materials.

Rain Barrel date?

Early spring?

Water Garden Planning?

Rain Garden, which areas? Tie it in with Rain Barrels.

Ask Beth Dilts about setting up an email list for Rain Barrel sign-ups at Community Day.

**Ongoing Business-** Septic System- Importance of septic system and knowing the warning signs and how to properly keep up with it.

How close to road can a septic system be?

Testing water? Who does this the town? DEP monitors quality but we can seek out the results of those tests.

Juniper Leifer will look into the law for NJDEP.

Septic System mailings go out every 3 years to keep homeowners aware of care. Who does this? Are we doing this already? Speak to building inspectors. Maybe we need a spreadsheet for residents who have a septic tank, if not being done already. Keeping on Agenda for next meeting. Our Mayor will give a quick report.

**Mission Statement-** Have it on table for Community Day.

Motion to approve Mission Statement with flexible word “and” was seconded by Juniper Leifer with an “ALL IN FAVOR” vote.

**Public Comment-** None

**Adjournment-** 9:00 pm. Motion by Juniper Leifer seconded by Mark Gural.

