

Environmental Commission meeting Minutes
March 28, 2024 @ 7:30pm

Dana Flynn	Chairperson	X
Eric Duch	Vice Chairperson	X
Lisa Shimamoto	Member	X
Peter Dlugos	Member	X
James Myers	Member	X
Christine Aboulhosn	Member	X
	Member	
	Alternate 1	
	Alternate 2	
Andrew McElroy	Planning Board Liaison	X
Harvey Roseff	Council Liaison	X
Fran Frederick	Secretary	X

Called Meeting to Order at 7:37pm.

Public Participation

Open Public Meeting Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting has been published specifying the time and access information in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has also been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram's website, not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Environmental Commission Secretary.

Review of Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024

Motion was made by Lisa Shimamoto to accept. Peter Dlugos seconded.

Planning Board Applications

- Byram Car Wash ([SP8-2023-11.02.2023 Byram Car Wash](#))
 - Lighting from the new vacuums - Will they be on all of the time or only when vacuum is in use? How bright is each one?
 - Ensure that noise emitted from vacuums, both singularly or combined, will meet the new noise ordinance requirements.
- Tomahawk Lake ([SP6-2023-05.31.2023 Tomahawk Lake](#))
 - The EC comments from August 2023 remain applicable.
- Starbucks (33 Route 206) ([SP1-2024-Block 36 Lot 40, 33 Route 206, Ronetco Starbucks](#))
 - Please review the State requirements for adding EV charging stations and/or consider adding one or more stations.
 - Recommend using all NJ-native plant species in landscaping.
 - The back edge of the property is within the 300-foot regulated riparian zone for Lubbers Run and NJDEP Flood Hazard Area regulations will apply in this area. Authorization

would be required for activities within the riparian zone, including impervious expansion.

- What is the snow removal plan for this site? Where will snow be piled, and ultimately, where will it drain?
 - Consider reducing the amount of outdoor lighting or simplify.
 - Echoing engineer comments regarding stormwater management/retention. NJDOT may require treatment if tying into Route 206 stormwater system.
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- Dana Taylor ([Z07-2024-Block 109 Lot 3, 16 Weaver House Cove Road, Dana Taylor](#)) – deck
 - No environmental comments.

Reference Maps:

Highlands - https://www.nj.gov/njhighlands/gis/interactive_map/#/-74.63346/40.87985/3

NJDEP GeoWeb -

<https://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=02251e521d97454aabadfd8cf168e44d>

Committee Reports

- MPMC – Last meeting, February 20; next meeting April 16
 - No updates.
- Recreation – Last meeting, March 12; next meeting April 9
 - Deb has a ranger that can do interpretive walks and can set up a series of hikes. Peter met with Deb and discussed hosting a paddle event.
- Open Space – Last meeting, February 12; next meeting April 8
 - Peter Dlugos and Lou Esposito are new public members to Open Space.
- Council – Last meeting, March 19; next meeting April 2
 - Voted on new noise ordinance.
 - They are moving forward with landscape architects for the CO Johnson park upgrades.
 - Budget will be discussed at next meeting.
 - One of the school wells tested above levels for TCEs.

New Business

- MWA Upper Watershed Special Meeting – May 9
 - Data from Lubbers Run will be presented. May be relevant to stormwater management plan/lake management plan.
- Arbor Day
 - April 20th. 8:30 set-up and will run 9:00AM – 11:00
 - Seedlings will be picked up on the 11th.
 - Dana will put together a list of what is needed and assign responsibilities to be sent to the group. She will also email the LV Go Green Club and provide information to Phil for a Nixle alert.
- 2024 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant
- 2024 Events
 - Avian Wildlife Center Presentation
 - School will not allow live animals so Dana will look into using the firehouse.
 - Avian already has some programs for October scheduled.
 - National Trails Day

- Hikes/educational walks
- Waterloo History Day – June 22 – EC will need to confirm if attending by early May
- 50th Anniversary of the EC - October

Old Business

- EC water bottles
- Mission Statement
 - Lisa submitted her thoughts. Christine & Peter both liked what she had put together. Will discuss further at future meetings.
- Mansfield Trail Superfund Site – No updates.
- Dana to check-in on status of Lake Management Plan

Training-

Christine participated in multiple ANJEC webinars – confirm if they meet NJUCF requirements.

Membership

- Alternate I and II positions are currently vacant.

Budget – Temporary balance is \$700

- 2024 Purchases:
 - ANJEC renewal, water bottles

Next Meeting to be held April 25, 2024 in-person

Motion to Adjourn was made by James Myers. Eric seconded.