

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING

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May 3, 2021

Members Present

D. Dittrick
D. Fashano
P. Glawe
J. Hendricks
A. Kraynak
D. Wilson

Liaison

J. Ferramosca – Present

Members Absent

C. Matlon – excused
C. Mattessich
N. Mian

Secretary Kraynak called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm according to the Open Publics Meeting Act.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed meeting minutes from April 5, 2021. The meeting minutes will be approved at next month's Environmental Commission Green Team meeting.

Correspondence

- Reviewed Letter from John Sheridan re: Noise issue with leaf blowers. All members discussed the noise issue about the leaf blowers. The noise with the leaf blowers is they move from yard to yard and its with gasoline if they could transition to electric batteries. Members discussed the Maplewood leaf blower ordinance it has no commercial use on Sunday from 5/15 to 9/30. Some members thought the Summit ordinance was reasonable with education and promotion and hints at how much money they can save. Also, discussed the cost will be to the homeowner. There also should be educational information to homeowners.

Certified Mail

- Reviewed Bohler re: Flood Hazard Area Verification Application 2H, LLC Proposed Office/Retail Block 7501, Lots 7 & 8, 500 Route 10. The Environmental Commission had no comment with this application.
- Reviewed Bowman – re: Treatment Works Approval Springhill Suites, Block 7301, Lots 9>01, 13 & 14. The Environmental Commission had no comment with this application.

Old Business

- April Shred Day Event – Food Collection – Member Fashano said that 810lbs of food was collected and 4,360lbs of paper was shredded and approximately 75 people attended the event.

New Business

- Anti-Idling Law – Bee Meadow school parking lot. The Environmental Commission suggested it should be broken down in parts about the idling at the schools. A letter should go to the school board, a letter to Mr. Wasko. The letter should be sent in the fall before school starts. Chairman Wilson is going to send a letter to J. Giorgio about the points and concerns about the anti-idling law.
- Planning Board Notification – Member Dittrick asked about a possible big box store being built at Pine Plaza. Member Dittrick suggested the Environmental Commission should get notification earlier in the process so the Environmental Commission could provide input to the Planning Board. Liaison Ferramosca suggested if the Environmental Commission to effect change to a broader base would be with the code books. The Environmental Commission recommendation to evaluate with the Township Committee and the NJ League of Municipalities. Liaison Ferramosca also suggested that Phil and Nadia are on the planning board and could email the agenda with the pending projects.
- Wild Bird Talk – Member Dittrick said the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee is having a talk on Wednesday, May 5, about Wild birds and June 12 is BioBlitz.

Open To The Public

Adjourn

- Secretary Kraynak asked at 8:15 pm if there is any further business if not is there a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Glawe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hendricks seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

The next Environmental Commission/Green Team meeting is Monday, June 7, at 7:00 pm.