

MINUTES FOR
Mendham Borough Environmental Commission

June 15th, 2017

7:30 p.m.

The Phoenix House

The announcement for this meeting on June 15th, 2017, was advertised in the Observer -Tribune and the Daily Record as per the governance of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

Present: Peter Barry, Paul Cascais (in Absentia,) John Dannenbaum, Marian Mundy Hooper, Dave Sharkey, Mayor Henry (in Absentia,) and Student Rep Jennifer Linden

Approval of Minutes:

- **Minutes for May approved with correction of reference to Horseshoe “Bend” Road “major” subdivision**

Old Business:

- Mountain Valley Park Dam
It has been suggested that the Town Engineer has reported that dam repair may not need pond to be dredged
- Tranquility Garden
Awaiting funding from Open Space Committee for grant

New Business:

- Land Use Committee Report- Dave Sharkey
 - Mendham Creamery Approved (Mayor, in Absentia, recommends community support for new businesses
 - Horseshoe Bend Road Major Subdivision has been “tabled” by applicant
- Shade Tree Committee Report -Dave Sharkey
 - Tree City USA designation requires Committee to perform an inventory of shade trees. Dave to provide copy of existing report. An exploration of potential GIS software, (Mayor, Paul, any thoughts from a Summit or Boonton perspective?) to assist in the inventory is underway by Peter who will report findings. Jennifer to rally volunteers to either utilize realised software, or clipboards and spreadsheets, starting with Mountain Avenue to Bernardsville Road and RE 24.
- We need members!! Marion reached out to M. Poole; however, she has prior Thursday commitments. Do we share meetings with other groups, such as Schiff? neighboring communities: Mendham Borough EC, Bernardsville EC?
- Planning Board Report- Paul Cascais
 - (See Land Use)

- Open Space Report- Peter Barry
- Next OS meeting is in July
- Pending Applications for review- Committee
 - none
- Tranquility Garden Grant Application- Elise/Jennifer
 - Prior to planting, there needs to be a plan for watering new plantings. Preliminary review suggests there is **not** a source on the property. **Lisa, any thoughts?**
- In order to maintain Mendham Borough's Designation as a Green Community, we need to host a Clean-up Day tracking number of volunteers and number of bags collected. We will schedule for September/October.
- Electronics Recycling? Lisa provided information for our review.
- In our mission to promote Passive Recreation throughout our community Marion will reach out to former Chair Adam Slutsky to secure all documentation as it relates to the Mendham Loop Trail. With the map, Marion will reach-out to John DeNeufville, owner of the track the proposed Loop Trail utilizes. It is possible that the Loop Trail might be extended to Roxiticus Road if West Field/Hidden Tree Farm access remains unavailable.
- Passive Recreation Park Gatherings? Walk to the Park, or garden, for music, (unplugged!) poetry, etc.?

Public Comment:

We wish to thank John Dannenbaum for his years of service to Mendham Borough in so many capacities! We all wish him health and happiness in all future endeavors.

Adjournment: 8:20 pm