

FLORHAM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Mary Orloff, Sid Dvorkin, Caitlin Kendall, Marie Cueman, Brian Bill, and Stan Wisnewski

Borough Engineering Department Liaison Present: Kayla Kaplan, Engineering Assistant

Public Present: Douglas Hoeflin- Eagle Scout

Megan Mink- Guest

Presiding:

Abbreviations Defined:

*EC = Environmental Commission

*CMA = Conservation Management Area

*CS = Contaminated Sites

*NJ DEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

*SGL = Spring Garden Lake

*RMP = Recreation Master Plan

*FBP = Fish Brook Park

*F&W = Fish and Wildlife

*TT = Traction Trail

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Sunshine Law – Open Public Meetings Act Announcement:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by publishing the Annual Notice of Meetings in the newspaper, posting the Annual Notice of Meetings on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, and by filing with the Borough Clerk.

Meeting Closed to Public.

Minutes from March 2021 were reviewed - Motion to approve made by Mr. Dvorkin and seconded by Ms. Orloff. Approved by all.

Douglas Hoeflin presented his proposed Scout project which is to erect Bat Boxes at SGL. EC members will assist with funding the project. Funding approved up to \$550 pending confirmation of where boxes to be placed. Motion to approved made by Mr. Dvorkin and seconded by Mr. Wisnewski. Approved by all members.

New Business:

- Arbor Day – Ms. Kaplan gave an update on Arbor Day. Trees will be distributed to the members of the community. Volunteers were needed to assist Ms. Kaplan in distributing the trees. There was also a picture of Ms. Kaplan with the Mayor Taylor to announce that Florham Park has been designated as a Tree City.
- EC Facebook page has been launched. Arbor Day will be advertised on the Facebook page. Page also includes pictures of SGL.
- Budget review was done to determine dollars remaining for the year.
- SGL subcommittee of Mr. Dvorkin and Mr. Wisnewski gave a report regarding their meetings with Princeton Hydro. The committee recommended doing the Bathymetric survey and repair of the wetlands. They recommended decreasing the number of times the water sampling is done. The budget will be reviewed to identify if funding is available for the other projects to improve the quality of the lake.
 - Discussion held to develop a plan that would address projects that would benefit the lake over a 5 year period
- Equipment needed at SGL- Mr. Bill gave a report on water pumps and water barrows that can be used at the lake to maintain the foliage. The EC made a motion to approve up to \$700 to purchase of equipment for the lake. Motion made by Mr. Wisnewski and seconded by Ms. Cueman. Approved by all.
- Open Space Inventory – Ms. Orloff stated that the EC is responsible for updating the Open Space Inventory. Ms. Orloff has obtained the prior Open Space Inventory. Will need to convene a subcommittee to work with her to update the Open Space Inventory. The Planning Board and Recreational Commission will be used as resources to complete the Inventory. Report will need to be sent to the Mayor and Council.
- ANJEC training. Ms. Cueman and Orloff attended the Social Media Training. Ms. Orloff stated that the town does not have Social Media Guidelines.

- Environmental Resource Inventory will be deferred till next year. Ms. Orloff and Kaplan attended training on how to do the Environment Resource Inventory.
- Planning Board – Mr. Dvorkin stated that he has no items to report.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cueman and seconded by Mr. Dvorkin. Approved by all

Meeting adjourned: 8:29 PM

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