

FLORHAM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2021

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

Borough Engineering Department Liaison: Kayla Kaplan, Engineering Assistant (Excused Absence)

Public Present: None

Guest: Katie Riordan, Mary Milk

Presiding: Mary Orloff

Abbreviations Defined:

*EC = Environmental Commission	*SGL = Spring Garden Lake
*CMA = Conservation Management Area	*RMP = Recreation Master Plan
*CS = Contaminated Sites	*FBP = Fish Brook Park
*NJ DEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	*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.

Ms. Riordan was introduced to the EC as a potential member. Introductions were done by Ms. Riordan and members of the EC.

Meeting Closed to Public.

Minutes from May were deferred.

New Business:

- Ms. Orloff stated that Ms. Riordan was interested in being a member of the EC. We are still looking for one more member of the EC and Mayor Taylor had given Ms. Orloff the name of the potential member. Will continue to reach out to see if he is still interested. Mr. Zuckerman stated that the appointment of a new member could be made at the July Council meeting. Recommended that Ms. Orloff write Mayor Taylor with the EC recommendations of making Ms. Kendall a full member and Ms. Riordan an alternate.
- Fish Farm – Ms. Orloff reported that Connor Bender finished the 1/3-mile walking trail at the Fish Farm.
- Update on the Watershed project at SGL – Mr. Dvorkin and Mr. Wisnewski gave an update on the Princeton Hydro Watershed proposal for SGL. They felt that the revised proposal meets the goal to conserve the lake and does provide guidance for the EC and town in addressing the issues needed to preserve SGL. Some of the action items can be done by DPW. Plan provides the EC with multi-year guidance in doing this project. Motion to approve revised Watershed proposal made by Mr. Dvorkin and seconded by Mr. Wisnewski. Approved by roll call by all. Will include action item Requested Princeton Hydro to submit a proposal for a Lake Management Plan to provide the EC with multi-year guidance in maintaining the health of SGL. Deliverables from the Watershed assessment can be used in an SGL Lake Management Plan's proposal in our Master plan.
- Quarterly Newsletter – Ms. Orloff wrote the article for the May issue. Ms. Cueman will write the article for the September issue. She will focus on projects done by the Scouts and other students.
- Student Recognition Program – Ms. Cueman suggested that the EC sponsor a recognition program for students in the Florham Park School System whose science projects focus on environmental issues. Will write a letter to Superintendent Caponegro to determine if there would be interest in this program. The letter will also highlight SGL as a possible environmental education site.
- Sustainability Initiative – Ms. Orloff reported that Morris County has a group that is focused on sustainability. There are members from towns around the county and they would like a member from Florham Park. The EC would like to have a Florham Park Green Team that would focus on sustainability issues. We will try to recruit members for this team. MrMs. Dvorkin and Ms. Kendall will assist Ms. Orloff in getting information out to the public regarding both the sustainability group and Green Team.
- Borough Hall – Mr. Zuckerman reported that the borough hall will be opened on August 1.

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Old Business:

- Mr. Bill gave an update on the four projects being done by the Scouts:
 - ~~Liam Bill completed his pollinator garden on the south side of the lake-~~ [\[was in the May meeting minutes\]](#)
 - Alex Howden has completed his work on the floating wetlands.
 - Ryan Rauschenberg has cleared out the invasive species in preparation for his solarization project.
 - Connor Bender completed his trail project at Fish Farm.
- Frog Pond – Mr. Bill reported that the pond had dried up and that this may be due to a broken liner. He recommended replacing the liner. Will plan for this in our next budget.
- Facebook page has received positive feedback. Content for the page should be forwarded to Ms. Kendall.
- Invasive Carp Removal. – Ms. Orloff presented an information campaign that would inform the public that if they catch a carp that they can remove it. Information will be posted on the Kiosk along with a ruler to measure the carp.
- Open Space Inventory – A subcommittee of Ms. Orloff, Ms. Cueman and Mr. Zuckerman has been formed. Subcommittee will meet this summer to formulate plan to address this project.
- Membership update – we still have vacancies on the EC. Ms. Orloff will contact Mayor Taylor regarding filling the positions. [\[covered above under new business?\]](#)
- Planning Board – no issues impacting the EC currently.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. Approved by all

Meeting adjourned: 8:27 PM