

FLORHAM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

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

Borough Engineering Department Liaison Present: Kayla Kaplan, Engineering Assistant

Public Present: Douglas Hoeflin- Eagle Scout

Michael Hartshorne – Guest and representative from Princeton Hydro

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 January 2021 – Motion to approve made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Mr. Dvorkin. Approved by all.

Minutes from February 2021 - Motion to approve made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Mr. Dvorkin. Approved by all.

Douglas Hoeflin presented his proposed Scout project which is to erect Bat Boxes at SGL. Members of the Commission had questions regarding the location and spacing of the bat boxes and what resources would be needed. Douglas will do further research on the project and report back at a future meeting.

New Business:

- Mr. Michael Hartshorne from Princeton Hydro was present to discuss status of current SGL projects being done by the company along with discussion of future projects. Suggestions for other projects included the following:
 - Water shed assessment
 - Sediment evaluation and possible removal
 - Development of an early warning system for algae
 - Invasive species in lake
 - Predictive modeling
 - Development of a management plan for the lake
 - Subcommittee was formed comprising of Mr. Dvorkin, Mr. Wisnewski, and Ms. Kaplan to meet with Mr. Hartshorne to discuss goals for SGL and cost of the above projects.
- Motion to approve Barometric and Water Shed project was proposed by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Ms. Cueman. Approved by all.
- Ms. Orloff will work on a proposal for a fishing contest for SGL that is aimed at removing the Carp from the lake.

- Ms. Kendall gave an update on the Facebook Social Media project. She showed the EC the EC Facebook group page. Please send pictures and articles to Ms. Kendall for inclusion on the page. The Facebook page can be linked to the Florham Park library for additional resources.
- AJEN has an educational program on EC and social media scheduled for April.
- Ms. Mink (guest) discussed using the 4 H club for EC projects in town.
- Ms. Orloff mentioned that the Madison Environmental Green Commission was hosting an event on March 24 via zoom.
- AJNEC Training Discussion – deferred until next meeting.
- Planning Board update: Mr. Dvorkin gave update on the businesses coming to town. No environmental impact noted at this time.
- Congratulations to Ms. Kaplan on her work in getting Florham Park a Tree City Designation.
- Arbor Day – will have trees available for distribution.

Old Business:

- Update on scout projects done by Mr. Bill.
 - Liam Bill has cleared out foliage for his pollinator project. Will begin to plant in May.
- Mr. Bill stated that there needs to be a water pump or rain barrel at the lake in order to water the plants. He will cost out portable pumps.
- Wood chips are needed around trail to improve conditions of the trail,
- Discussion of a possible weekend event at SGL in April.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM

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