

FLORHAM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – May 25, 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: Kayla Kaplan, Engineering Assistant (Excused Absence)

Public Present: Annemarie Landishman and Ken Roser

Presiding: Mary Orloff

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.

Mr. Roser stated that the EC was doing a great job with SGL and offered to assist if needed.

Meeting Closed to Public.

Minutes from April 2021 were reviewed - Motion to approve made by Mr. Dvorkin and seconded by Mr. Wisnewski Approved by all.

New Business:

- Facebook page will highlight the EC sponsored projects being done. The page will also direct where the public can go to assist with projects. Will post upcoming EC events on our Facebook page. The EC Facebook page is doing well.
- Connor Bender will be working on his Fish Farm trail project on June 12.
- Signs will be posted at SGL to explain the projects being done at this site.
- Mr. Bill stated how helpful the town DPW has been and how much the EC appreciated their assistance. The EC sponsored a luncheon for the DPS to demonstrate our appreciation.
- Princeton Hydro SGL projects – Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Dvorkin gave an overview of the status of the current water quality and bathymetric measurement project. Princeton Hydro ~~did-submitted a proposal for a~~ watershed assessment at SGL ~~with-that will include~~ recommendations as to how to address issues identified. ~~This assessment would serve as a guideline for the EC and town to address conservation of the lake as part of a multi-year plan.~~ There arewas still some questions regarding the proposal. Mr. Zuckerman made a recommendation for the subcommittee of Mr. Dvorkin, Mr. Wisniewski and Ms. Kaplan to discuss their recommendations and costs associated with the proposed watershed assessment project with Princeton Hydro and report back to the EC next month. Seconded by Ms. Cueman and approved by all.
- Quarterly newsletter from the town will be published in May. EC has submitted an article along with pictures.
- Arbor Day was successful with a good turn out of residents who wanted to get tree saplings ~~samples~~.
- Carp removal from SGL – Ms. Orloff will draft a proposal to present to the EC next month regarding removal of Carp from the lake and present at our June meeting.
- Budget – Mr. Zuckerman reported that there was \$23,000 left in budget YTD.
- Equipment – Mr. Bill discussed equipment needed for SGL to water the newly planted gardens, He recommended purchase of a water pump with hose. EC agreed to the purchase of the equipment.
- Kiosk at SGL – needs updating. Information that could be placed on it include type of fish in lake, EC Facebook address and title of projects being done at the lake.
- Planning Board – Mr. Dvorkin stated that he has no items to report.

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~~ SGL.
 - The 55-gallon drum has been ordered and the water pump will arrive this week.
 - Alex Howden has built one of the floating gardens for the lake and will be testing it.
 - Ryan Rauschenberg has been cleaning out trash and phragmites in preparation for his project
 - Doug Heflin is working on the bat boxes.
 - Kylie Bill's project is doing well.
- Open Space Inventory – A subcommittee of Ms. Orloff, and Ms. Cueman has been formed. One other member of the EC will be needed.
- Membership update – we still have two vacancies on the EC. Ms. Orloff will contact Mayor Taylor regarding filling the positions.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:29 PM.

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