

**FLORHAM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2021**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

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

**Borough Engineering Department Liaison:** Kayla Kaplan, Engineering Assistant

**Public Present:** Nick Daniels, and Rich Hause

**Guest:** Michael Hartshorn (Princeton Hydro)

**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 7:12 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.

Nick Daniels is requesting the EC sponsor his Eagle Scout project at the Frog Pond on Brooklake Ave. Will fill out application and present at a future meeting.

**Meeting Closed to Public.**

Minutes from May and June were deferred until next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Open Space Inventory – Ms. Orloff reported that this needs to be updated. The EC is responsible for the Inventory. Important to have in order to qualify for grants. This Inventory will need to be done in conjunction with town departments. It will need to be submitted to NJDEP Green Acres program for approval once completed. Mr. Zuckerman will present to the town's council the need to do this inventory. Proposal made by Mr. Wisnewski to allot \$15,000 to do the Open Space Inventory plan; seconded by Ms. Cueman. Approved by all. Mr. Zuckerman will request funding and support from the council at their next meeting.
- Environmental Resource Inventory Plan – this can be deferred until a future date. Will add to next years goals as this is an important tool for the EC to have.
- Princeton Hydro Lake Management Plan - Mr. Hartshorn from Princeton Hydro came to the meeting to discuss the proposed plan for SGL regarding water management of the lake. Mr. Hartshorn was presented with the various options for water management that the EC was interested in doing at SGL over the next year. Princeton Hydro will redo proposal to reflect the proposed options and the EC will discuss at our next meeting.
- Town Newsletter – Will obtain summary and pictures of the Eagle Scout projects completed and sponsored by the EC. Will highlight in the newsletter.
- Facebook page is doing well.
- Green Team – Ms. Kaplan will be discussing with Mayor Taylor starting a Green Team in Florham Park.
- SGL – Ms. Kaplan reported that one of the residents has been using town property to put a private property sign on it. The residents will receive a notice from the town to remove any materials and signs on town land.
- Carp – Decreases in number with cold. Will address in Spring.

**New Business:**

- Sustainable Initiatives – the EC members are planning on attending meetings with this group once they restart holding meetings.

- Attendance at EC meetings in neighboring committees – discussion held on having members of our EC attend EC meetings in Madison and Chatham. Will plan on seeing if we can have a representative at the meetings.
- Welcome Event for New Residents – Ms. Cueman, Kendell and Riordan attended and manned the EC table for the event. It was well attended for an initial event.
- Mr. Hause who is attending the meeting is interested in becoming a member of the EC. Mr. Zuckerman will submit his name to the council as an alternative member. Members welcomed Mr. Hause to the commission.
- School Environment Project Contest – Ms. Cueman spoke with Dr. Caponegro regarding the EC sponsoring a contest highlighting the environment done by the children in the school district. He stated he was interested and to write him a letter. Ms. Orloff will follow up.
- Planning Board – no report.
- Additional EC meetings will be held to address budget and project planning:
  - October 12, 2021
  - December 7, 2021

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

Meeting adjourned: 8: 55 PM

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