

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission Agenda

July 18th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission conducts its regular business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the municipal building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the monthly agendas are posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

STANDARD AGENDA

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment (Adam Duckworth)	Call meeting to order and record attendance.	15 Min
Presentation of Minutes (Adam Duckworth)	Review and approval of June Meeting Minutes.	5 Min
General Admin (Adam Duckworth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	10 Min
Newsletter	Fall newsletter deadline is August 1 st . Articles on the docket include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Workshop (Nancy Lawler) • Farm Passport (Adam Duckworth) • Composting (Adam Mickley) • Brid Survey Outcome for Memorial Park (Sharon Petzinger) Backlog: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property 	5 Min
Budget Report (Adam Duckworth)	Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) 	5 Min
Planning Board Report (Vacant)	Share pertinent information from Planning Board.	10 Min
Highlands Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any developments related to the Highlands Act.	5 Min
MWA Report (Erik Henriksen)	Share any pertinent information from the MWA.	5 Min
RHA Report (Nancy Lawler)	Share any pertinent information from the RHA.	5 Min

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Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent on Energy Gold Standard 	
Correspondence (Adam Duckworth)	Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Lim (clinn@dvrpc.org) - Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission 	5 Min
Guest Presentation	Nick Zemlochenko from the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council will present on risks of deep overpopulations and approaches and opportunities for deer management on town properties.	45 Min
Special Topics	Introduce for discussion any special topics outside of the standard agenda.	15 Min
Portfolio Review	Project Leads to provide status report and next steps for active and upcoming projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnvale Grant • Farm Passport Challenge • Goracy Trail (Priority) • Memorial Park Bio-Blitz • Recycling Actions (Priority) 	Offline

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order with a quorum at: 7:05 PM.

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	X
Warren Newman	Member	X
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	No
Nancy Lawler	Member	X
Deb Goodsite	Member	No
Adam Mickley	Member	No
Sharon Hardy	Alternate 1	X
Kathy Koch	Alternate 2	X

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Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment (Adam Duckworth)	Call meeting to order and record attendance. Minutes: Discussion during kickoff highlighted news products being sold by local farms – Terzuolo will be selling lamb soon and Miner’s Hill now sells goat cheese.	15 Min
Presentation of Minutes (Adam Duckworth)	Review and approval of June Meeting Minutes. Minutes: Ms. Petzinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting, Ms. Lawler seconded and unanimously approved by Mr. Duckworth, Ms. Hardy and Ms. Koch.	5 Min
General Admin (Adam Duckworth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Minutes: No updates	10 Min

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Newsletter	<p>Fall newsletter deadline is August 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Workshop (Nancy Lawler) • Farm Passport (Adam Duckworth) • Composting (Adam Mickley) • Bird Survey Outcome for Memorial Park (Sharon Petzinger) <p>Backlog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property <p>Minutes: Ms. Lawler spoke to ANJEC and they suggested we hold the septic workshop on the weekend. Oct 2nd or 9th are potential targets and Ms. Lawler will follow up. Mr. Laul stated that electronics recycling is being scheduled and Joann will have an article regarding that topic, as well. Ms. Lawler will plan for snacks to be funded by EOSC budget.</p>	5 Min
Budget Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) <p>Minutes: No updates.</p>	5 Min
Planning Board Report (Vacant)	<p>Share pertinent information from Planning Board.</p> <p>Minutes: No updates.</p>	10 Min
Highlands Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Share any developments related to the Highlands Act.</p> <p>Minutes: No updates.</p>	5 Min
MWA Report (Erik Henriksen)	<p>Share any pertinent information from the MWA.</p> <p>Minutes: Ms. Lawler stated that the Delaware River Basin Commission indicated water quality improved from 2009-2011.</p>	5 Min
RHA Report (Nancy Lawler)	<p>Share any pertinent information from the RHA.</p> <p>Minutes: Ms. Lawler stated that RHA is showing an interest in supporting rain garden projects and that she sees an opportunity with the Woodglen school parking lot. Mr. Laul indicated they already are looking to expand parking and the field across the street may be an opportunity for a green infrastructure project.</p>	5 Min

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Correspondence (Adam Duckworth)	Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Lim (clinn@dvrpc.org) - Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Minutes: Mr. Duckworth stated that he and Ms. Lawler participated in an interview session with Chris Lim from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The Commission is interviewing a few dozen municipalities to understand their work, accomplishments and challenges with respect to maintaining and improving water quality. They will be selecting a small subset of municipalities on which they will do a use case. Mr. Duckworth stated that Chris Lim said during the interview that Lebanon Township is a unique case compared to many of the other municipalities they've interviewed.	5 Min
Guest Presentation	Nick Zemlochenko from the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council will present on risks of deep overpopulations and approaches and opportunities for deer management on town properties. Minutes: Mr. Zemlochenko was did not present at the meeting but will present at the August meeting. Ms. Lawler stated that there are concerns with the impact of deer population on water quality, crop damage and lyme disease. Hunterdon County does allow some hunting on their lands but the rationale for the presentation is to increase our understanding and the focus on our municipal properties. Ms. Petzinger stated that if we're removing invasive plants and planting natives then we must address the deer problem first or our efforts will not be as successful as they could be.	45 Min
Special Topics	Introduce for discussion any special topics outside of the standard agenda. Minutes: None	15 Min

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Portfolio Review	<p>Project Leads to provide status report and next steps for active and upcoming projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnvale Grant • Farm Passport Challenge • Goracy Trail (Priority) • Memorial Park Bio-Blitz • Recycling Actions (Priority) <p>Minutes: Mr. Newman indicated that he was approached by Mr. Stanski regarding his youngest son, Brian, who has expressed an interest in supporting trail development. Mr. Newman will reach out to the Stanskis and coordinate the discussion.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth will reach out to the NJ Forestry Association to see how they can help pursue the next round of survey work in Memorial Park. Mr. Newman stated there is a new state forester and raised the question of what we hoped to accomplish with the tree survey. The response was that we need to know what is there as a baseline if we are to propose a biodiversity plan. Ms. Hardy suggested to label the trees in the park for educational purposes. Mr. Newman will reach out to see who is recommended. Ms. Lawler agreed to reach out to Don Donnelly (forester for Audubon).</p> <p>Ms. Koch indicated that Mr. Kibbler raised the quarry topic with her recently and Ms. Lawler indicated there is no interest in a land swap.</p> <p>Ms. Petzinger stated that NJ has over 50% of global breeding population of grey cat birds and that we have a unique responsibility to protect them.</p> <p>Mr. Laul indicated that all vendor requests must come through the committee and that Mr. Mickley should not reach out to vendors directly for information on contaminated sites. All town contaminated sites will be closed pending final cement pad to be poured at one remaining site. Mr. Duckworth will reach out to Mr. Mickley to let him know.</p> <p>Mr. Henriksen will share communication process to keep abreast of Hampton development.</p>	Offline