

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission (EOSC)

Agenda

August 1st, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission hosts its regular meetings on the first Monday of every month at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building.

AGENDA

Kickoff & Roll Call

Presentation of Minutes

- N/A

Old Business

- Forest stewardship planning (Petzinger, Lawler, Duckworth)
- Draft Memorial Policy (Collett)
- Fisher, Red Mill Race Preserve parking area (Chen, Collett)
- Deer management program (Duckworth, Chen, Petzinger)
- NJ State Forest Task Force (Petzinger, Lawler)

New Business

- Cannabis facility application review sub-committee (Duckworth)
- September meeting rescheduling (Duckworth)

Correspondence

- Email - 01-Aug-2022 - Carol Simpson - 62 Anthony Road - Opinion on medical cannabis growing facility
- Email - 29-Jul-2022 - Jeanette Rooney - Unauthorized soil disturbance Block 29, Lot 4

Open Comment

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Roll Call

EOSC Member	Role	Roll Call
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	Present
Sharon Petzinger	Member	Present
Warren Newman	Member	Present
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	Present
Nancy Lawler	Member	Present
Kathy Koch	Member	Present
Sharon Hardy	Member	Present
Mike Chen	Alternate 1	Regrets
Marty Collett	Alternate 2	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.

In addition to those members mentioned above, approximately 35 members of the public were in attendance.

Forest Stewardship Planning

Ms. Petzinger stated that NJ Audubon has received the procurement paperwork. Mr. Laul will check on with the CFO on Thursday regarding next steps to access the grant money.

Draft Memorial Policy

Mr. Collett stated he has compiled any feedback he received from members and is prepared to send a consolidated set of comments back to Committeewoman Koehler. There were no additional comments or questions from Commission members.

Fisher, Red Mill Race Preserve Parking Area

Mr. Duckworth stated this topic would be tabled since Mr. Chen was not present at the meeting to discuss it.

Deer Management Program

Mr. Duckworth stated that the resolution was approved by Township Committee outlining the details for the upcoming season. Dates have been set for the lotteries. Ms. Sandorse needs the information to post on the website.

NJ State Forest Task Force

No updates.

Cannabis Facility Application Review Sub-Committee

Mr. Duckworth stated that an application has been accepted by the Planning Board for the installation of a cannabis growth facility. He provided some additional background. The date for the first public hearing is set for 16-Aug-2022. He is asking to form a sub-committee of EOSC members to coordinate the review of the application. There was discussion on who to include. A motion was made to form an application review sub-committee consisting of Mr. Duckworth, Ms. Lawler and Ms. Petzinger. The motion was unanimously approved.

Open Comment

Mr. Duckworth opened the meeting to public comment. There were various comments from the public, most concerning the NAR Group Application with a sampling of speakers and comments, where possible, briefly noted below.

- Bill Bohn - Concerns about Miquin Woods, there are beavers on the property and a shed with a rusty drum with an unknown liquid in it. He asked about the ability for EOSC to review the NAR Group application in just a couple of weeks. It appears to be missing things with respect to environmental completeness.
- Christine Hofbeck - How can we see the NAR application?
- Glen Baykowski - Does not want the cannabis facility in his neighborhood. He is worried about contaminated water going into the groundwater.
- Susan Young (Mt. Grove Road) - The cannabis facility should be up for a public vote. Even though the majority in the Township approved legalization of marijuana, having it in our neighborhood is a different story.