

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission (EOSC)

Agenda

July 12th, 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. Note this meeting date was adjusted with proper posting to accommodate the July 4th holiday.

AGENDA

Kickoff & Roll Call

Presentation of Minutes

- N/A

Old Business

- Deer Management Program (Duckworth, Chen, Petzinger)
- Forest Stewardship Planning (Lawler, Petzinger, Duckworth)
- NJ State Forest Task Force (Petzinger, Lawler)
- Well Test Results (Koch)

New Business

- Department of Transportation (DOT) Trail Grant (Koch)
- Open Space Preservation Opportunity “Ferdinand” Property - Block 36, Lot 20 (Hardy)
- Memorial Policy (Duckworth)
- Beech Leaf Disease (Lawler)

Correspondence

- None

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	Regrets
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 7:12p.

In addition to those members mentioned above, Mayor Schmidt and Committeeman Laul were in attendance.

Deer Management Program

We should be targeting the July 20th Township Committee meeting to introduce the resolution for the 2022-2023 program. Mayor Schmidt stated the due date for agenda items for that meeting is 20-Jul-2022. Mr. Laul suggested we increase the number of licenses available on each property by 1. Ms. Petzinger stated we should provide incentive by guaranteeing a permit for the the following year if a hunter harvests a certain number of deer. There was additional discussion. Mr. Duckworth stated he would discuss these comments with the sub-committee and circulate a draft resolution for review tomorrow morning and include Officer Cronic on that.

Forest Stewardship Planning

Ms. Lawler stated the funding request/application was sent by Ms. Sandorse to the Highlands Council on 16-Jun-2022. The plan was fully funded by the Highlands Council. We will be using

master plan conformance funding and this enabled us to get 100% of the funding requested. The work will include a municipal forest stewardship plan plus an individual plan for the “Fisher” property. The next step is to prepare a package for Township Committee, including a Statement of Work (SOW), to award the work to NJ Audubon.

NJ State Forest Task Force

Ms. Lawler stated she is on two Committees, the Ecological Health and Climate Change Committees. Two proposals have been submitted already and we are working on an additional four. One was related to funding and the second was related to non-continuous parcels. Ms. Petzinger explained mesophication to the team. The proposals submitted reflect ideas for consideration by the Task Force members and does not commit the Township to anything. The sub-committee should continue with proposal submission.

Note Mr. Henriksen had to leave at this time.

Municipal Well Test Results

Ms. Koch provided an overview of municipal well testing results. Coliform failed at DPW but E.coli was negative, which is important. The next steps were discussed and it was agreed that EOOSC was not responsible for implementation. Results will be presented objectively to Township Committee who will determine what if any action to take. Ms. Lawler agreed to support Ms. Koch regarding PFAS since this is a new topic.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Trail Grant

Ms. Koch stated she spoke with Karen Brown about the grant and reviewed the seven categories of focus. We are a fit for one category that might address the Bunnvale Ponding issue. Ms. Petzinger wondered if the trail-building category would be more focused on point-to-point vs. loop trails since it pertains to transportation. There was additional discussion. Ms. Koch agreed to discuss further with Karen Brown to get questions answered.

Open Space Preservation Opportunity “Ferdinand” Parcel

Ms. Hardy provided an overview for this preservation opportunity at 689 Woodglen Road (Block 36, Lot 20). There was some discussion since this is a small, isolated parcel. Ms. Petzinger suggested we each take an individual look at this property and discuss again at the next meeting. The team agreed.

Memorial Policy (Adam)

Mr. Duckworth stated that a Memorial Policy has been provided by Township Committee for review and feedback from EOOSC. He is seeking a volunteer to collect feedback from EOOSC members, collate it and provide it to Committeewoman Koehler. Mr. Collett volunteered.

Open Comment

Mr. Duckworth alerted everyone to the need to take the Harassment and Discrimination training as directed by Karen Brown.

Ms. Lawler provided an overview of Beech Leaf disease and stated it has been identified in Lebanon Township.

A motion to adjourn at 9:21p was made by Ms. Lawler, seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.