

BLOOMINGDALE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes of August 2, 2023

MEMBERS

Jen Altfield, Chairperson

Mark Crum

Karen Schmidt, Scribe

Dominic Catalano, Council Liaison

Mike Mascitello

Patrick Cecala

Robert Fry

Carol Jagiello, alternate

Karin La Greca, alternate

Location: Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Center

Time: 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:47 PM

Attendance

Mark, Karen, Mike M., Jen, Rob, Patrick (arrived 8pm)

Absent: Carol, Karin, Dominic

Correspondence

None

Bills

None

Early Public Discussion

No Public present

New Business

See Topics.

Discussed Topics:

- ANJEC Membership updated. All membership fees paid. All members should have received a recent email and will receive ANJEC emails.
- Sustainable New Jersey – Request for all BEC members to go to Sustainable NJ Website (SustainableJersey.com) and review certification requirements to be able to discuss next month.
- Next Meeting: Need to begin planning May 2024 Town & River Clean Up. Think of what we want and possible vendors.
- Proposal from Mike M to submit a resolution to the mayor and council to ban the usage of chemical weed killer along state, county, and municipal roads within Bloomingdale. Mike is drafting the resolution and will email BEC members to review this week. Mike needs feedback on the proposed resolution by Friday Aug 11.
- Discussion regarding the beaver at Oakwood Lake and the town's attempts to remove the beaver dam on the lake outflow on Woodward Ave. In the town's attempt to remove the blockage, they used large equipment and damaged the dam. Water is now leaking out of the lake and has reduced the water level in the lake. Patrick has pictures and will send to Mike Sundermeyer. The town needs to fix the dam and utilize methods on the USDA website on methods to prevent beavers from plugging culverts.
- Town Website still not updated with BEC Mission Statement and link to BEC Facebook Page.

Reports

None

Old Business:

- None at this time
- Horse Farm (Springbrook Acres), Federal Hill, Highlands RMP, ANJEC, COAH, Friendship Park, Oakwood Lake, Sloan Park, Dragonfly Meadows, Higgens Paragallo, Bi-Coastal Property, Passaic County Greenway, North Bergen Power

Late Public Discussion

No public present

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made at 9:00PM by Jen, 2nd by Karen and approved by all.