

Pennington Borough Environmental Commission
Agenda for December 20nd, 7:30 pm
Zoom Virtual

1. Public comment – No comment
2. Review of past minutes- September 2021
Moved by Joann Held
Second by Nick Angerone
3. Administrative Items
 - a) Nadine Stern is resigning from the Environmental Commission because of her move to Borough Council.
 - b) Nick Angarone is resigning from the Environmental Commission.
4. ERI Update/Mapping (Friedlich-Chandler)
 - a) Final revisions to be made by Kit, Joann and Brian, and then sent to the Watershed Institute for review.
5. Landfill Property Update (Friedlich-Chandler)
 - a) Approvals have not yet been obtained from neighbors for field investigations. Optimistic that the work will be completed in April.
6. Arboretum Update (Chandler)
 - a) Kit to reform the Arboretum Subcommittee and to reengage FOHVOS. School district and residents along Curlis and E. Welling to also be involved.
7. HVRSD Green Week – HVRSD has a planning team together, meeting once or twice a month. The scale of the event will be smaller than last year with more of a focus in the schools. Still want to engage with the community. PEC should consider hosting an event outdoors, maybe over by the Arboretum.
8. Borough Council Report (Chandler)

- a) Trees are getting planted along Burd (part of Road Construction)
- b) Deer management – 100 deer target and we are almost there. Most hunting is outside of Borough. Includes outside Borough on perimeter of municipality. Pennington needs to complete another drone survey. Mercer County has also increased the scale of their deer program and are extending the season.
- c) Single trash pickup has started.

9. Planning/Zoning Board Report (Angarone)

- a) Watershed Institute Green Infrastructure Presentation at November Planning Board Meeting – discussed 319h grants and working with the Watershed Institute.
- b) Held a separate meeting with the Watershed Institute to discuss 319h grants. The 319h grants will be competitive – Pennington Borough to assess once the RFP is issued.
- c) 2 Watershed ambassadors came to Green Team to discuss best practices to control flooding on properties. PEC should consider ordinances, educational initiatives, and guidance – collaborate with municipality and DPW.
- d) Discussed importance of understanding issues surrounding stormwater management in our community. Discussed working on development of a stormwater asset inventory. Education and action are needed.
- e) We should consider costs/liabilities to Pennington Borough and it's residents from flooding (infrastructure damage, insurance, etc.).
- f) Starbucks – denied variance for drive thru; if they come back, Planning Board suggested they submit to environmental commission.

10. Green Team and Sustainable Jersey Update (Held)

- a) Styrofoam recycling – company we take it to would like to receive it in densified form. Green Team has been in discussions with a pay for service company that recycles Styrofoam (similar to paper shredding events).

- b) Kim Haran – Green Friend – looking into metal recycling at facility in Trenton.
- c) Certification – recertify with Sustainable Jersey. Start making list in late January. Requested having PEC’s endorsement. In the past, Environmental Commission has gone to Borough Council meeting to present Sustainable Jersey recertification.

11. Carbon Neutral Workgroup (Held)

- a) We are still waiting on additional data and copies of more bills.
- b) Need to get vehicle information from Police Department.
- c) Going forward – 2022 will be next year we calculate. Pennington should work to make data collection more automatic.
- d) Get update from Rick for DPW’s efforts.
- e) There are increasing grant opportunities that can help reduce carbon emissions from the Borough operations.

12. Other Business

- a) Dog Waste Stations – Monitor the issue – hard to maintain/upkeep. Remind residents there is an ordinance via flyers/website.
- b) Gas Powered Leaf Blowers
 - i. Princeton has a new ordinance. PEC members to review.
 - ii. Noise pollution – limit usage to certain days/times.
 - iii. Technology is improving quickly.

13. Next Meeting January 24, 2022: Send new date to Betty.

Adjourning at 8:40