



Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 11, 2019

7:30pm Meeting, Senior Center

Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Maureen Denman, Chair

Steve Pylypchuk

Priscilla Grigas

Nathan Umbriac

Excused:

Councilwoman Alison Deeb (Council Liaison)

Don Ginsberg

Members of public Present:

Wilhelmina Juhlin – 7 Sherwood Dr, Morris Twp

Allen Wells – 102 Ogden Place, Morristown

Linda Carrington – 49 Macculloch Ave, Morristown

7:40pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the May, 2019 regular meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote by acclamation

New Business:

Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator

- Foote's Pond
 - Chair Denman gave a brief status update on Foote's Pond. Solitude Lake Management has been progressing with their work.
- Kleitman Woods
 - Chair Denman expressed ideas about annual events at Kleitman Woods to help raise awareness of the new park and help with maintenance issues.
- MEC Spring Flyer
 - Moved to fall
- Mayor's 3rd Annual Lakeside Cleanup
 - Event was a great success with large amounts of trash removed. Commission noted that dumping remains a problem along Pocahontas Lake and discussed the idea of putting trail cameras in along the path to catch illegal dumpers. Mayor Dougherty noted that he would instruct the police department to step up their patrols along the lake after witnessing
 - Commissioner Pylypchuk made a motion to authorize the spending of up to \$500 for trail cameras at Lake Pocahontas
 - Commissioner Umbriac Seconded, Vote 4-0



Public Session

- Ms. Juhlin noted that she has seen more foot traffic at Foote's pond and is appreciative of the MEC's work
- Mr. Wells thanked the MEC for their work and is happy with Solitude's work on the lake.
- Ms. Carrington noted that Thomas Jefferson School's property backed up against Foote's Pond and it appears their brush debris pile is adjacent to the park property. She also noted the missing sidewalks along James St and noted the town's Complete Streets policy.

Ongoing Business

- Board of Adjustment – no applications for MEC review at this time.
- Planning Board – no applications for MEC review at this time. MEC is still without a Planning Board Liaison
- MEC Initiatives
 - One Park A Year
 - MEC will continue to keep an eye on Speedwell Lake, Pocahontas Lake, Burnham Park and Foote's Pond
 - MEC will identify grants for public events at the parks
 - MEC will investigate bike paths at Pocahontas Lake similar to the Traction Line
 - MEC noted that Morris County Parks is investigating connecting Patriot's Path along the NJ Transit Property

Meeting Adjourned 8:21 pm

Next meeting July 2, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Pylypchuk