Morristown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019
7:30pm Meeting
Morristown Town Hall

Commissioners Present:
Maureen Denman, Chair
Priscilla Grigas
Steve Pylypchuk
Nathan Umbriac
Don Ginsberg
Councilwoman Alison Deeb (Council Liaison)

7:31pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Denman

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

New Business:
Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator

- NJ Transit – Patriots Path
  - A letter was sent to NJ Transit on behalf of the MEC to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety along the parcel of Patriot’s Path Speedwell Avenue to Martin Luther King Avenue
  - Survey will be required as work will include a 20 foot easement and fence
- Foote’s Pond
  - Chair Denman relayed that a DEP permit would not be required to hydrorake Foote’s Pond.
  - Work to begin shortly, with the intention of completing the initial hydroraking by end of year.
  - The Town is awaiting the BID specifications from Masur and is expected to deliver the final proposal by mid-September which will then go out for public bid.
- Speedwell Lake
  - The Town engineers will be taking the next step in treatment of the invasive water chestnuts on Speedwell Lake
- Burnham Pond
  - An assessment of the riparian zone and invasive species was recently performed and will be forthcoming at our October MEC meeting
- Plastic Bag Ordinance – Chair Denman scheduled meeting with Parsippany Environmental Committee member Judy Hernandez and Councilwoman Janice McCarthy who spearheaded the Plastic Bag Ordinance Ban in Parsippany for September 16th.
  - She will request they come to October MEC meeting & present to the Board.
- Mayor’s 3rd Annual Lakeside Cleanup
  - To be scheduled in mid-November
    - Chair Denman to follow up with the mayor’s office to confirm date
    - Chair Denman to discuss with mayor’s office
• Fall Festival
  o Will be held from 12pm to 5pm on September 29th
    ▪ Chair Denman will send email to commissioners to volunteer for time slots

Council Liaison Report
• Alison noted the Parsippany Environmental Commission is moving forward with a plastic ban
  and was interested in gauging supporting in Morristown

Ongoing Business
• Board of Adjustment - No application for MEC review before the BOA
• Planning Board – No updates

Meeting Adjourned 8:41 pm

Next meeting October 1, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nathan Umbriac