

Environmental Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
July 3, 2018

- A. Open Meeting- Meeting is called to order at 7:31 p.m. and it is announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.  
Committee in attendance: Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Giroud, Ms. Tutela, Mr. Foster  
Public in attendance: Mr. Jeff Charney
- B. Minutes:
- C. LOI/Freshwater Wetlands: - Noted  
1. Block 9, Lot 14, Somerset Savings Bank, – Permit to repair on-site septic system
- D. AOC (Areas of Concern): - Noted  
1. 10 Thor Solberg Road, 550 gallon #2 heating oil – no further action  
2. 7 Daley Street, 1000 gallon removed – clean up pending  
3. 55 School Road, 300 gallon removed – clean up pending
- E. Correspondence: - Noted  
1. NJDEP Permit to build within the riparian zone of Pleasant Run, Block 51.02, Lot 38  
2. Grant WM16-013 Section 319(h) 5<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Performance Report  
3. ANJEC – Proposed Resolution to take action on single-use bag legislation to be circulated
- F. New Business: None
- G. Educational Opportunities: None
- H. Other Business:  
1. Work continues on a Township Tree Ordinance led by the Planning Board . Mr. Giroud reinforced the need for educational background to be integral to the success of any implementation of such an ordinance.  
2. Work continues on completing the White Ash, Oak and Maple inventory along public rights-of-way in order to inform the Township efforts at preventative treatment of legacy trees. Mr. Hendrickson mentioned that Yellow Lantern Fly is now expected to begin appearing in Hunterdon County. Mr. Charney’s background includes credentials as a botanist, educator and arborist. He reinforced the need to treat the Emerald Ash Borer and the Lantern Fly as serious, crises events that will have a real impact on the residents and businesses of the Township. He emphasized the need to distill the information into easily understood lay terminology. He suggested possibly sponsoring a presentation lecture by an expert in the field so that residents could ask questions and hear from others how the attack on our trees might be approached. He mentioned Dr. Jay Kelly’s work at RVCC on the deer populations effect on dampening reforestation. The EC will investigate how that lecture might be posted on the Township website.
- I. Site Plan Review and Comment - Noted  
1. PLANNING BOARD:  
2. PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES for TRC:  
3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: No matters to review
- J. Publications: None - Noted
- K. Board of Adjustment & Planning Board Minutes: None
- L. Public Comment – Mr. Charney offered to participate in going forward efforts to create and deliver the tree problems awareness campaign.
- M. Adjournment at 8:53 pm. Motion: Ms. Tutela, second: Mr. Cook

Steve Foster