LAKE RESTORATION & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES – JULY 18, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:  *Denotes Regular Member

Edwin Runyon*, Chairman  Daniel Brescia*  Mary Ann Cernak*
Elizabeth Naskiewicz*  Dona Messer*  Richard Kleeman (Absent)
Kathy Novak (Alt. 1)  Eugene Libertucci (Alt. 2 Excused)

Jerry Barron (Liaison to Environmental Commission)

Guests Present:  Jeff Bassett

Opening of Meeting: The meeting was brought to order at 10 am by Chairman Ed Runyon, with a statement of our great sorrow and regret on the passing of our member, Don Smith. He expressed the sentiments of all our members that we have lost a valuable lifetime environmentalist and a dedicated member of this Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were read and discussed. A motion was made by Dona Messer to approve then as amended. It was seconded and approved.

Hearing of Guests in Attendance: Jeff Bassett discussed Lake Louise and the possibility of dredging and improving it as a potential recreational site.

Old Business:


   *No answer from Council regarding either letter.

2) Open Space Natural Areas (Bear Swamp BSNA & Big Woods BWNA)

   a. Warm weather grasses in fields BSNA

   *Nothing new to report.

   b. Maintenance of area between Maxim Rd & Bear Swamp Pond

   *Some maintenance has been done since our last meeting.

Note: The following items on the agenda (c-f) not discussed as there was no information from the Township on these topics and no representative present at the meeting:

   c. Problem with boundaries needing to be addressed

   d. Bear Swamp tent camp cleanup of remaining debris left behind

   e. Forestry & Woodlot Management Program status

   f. Township plans for use of Monmouth County Open Space grant money
in Soldiers Memorial Park such as bathrooms, impervious surface, Wetlands LOI application?

g. Correction of omission and errors on BSNA lots in Master Plan update. 2017
   * Community Planning Director will not address this topic with this Committee or accept the proof of the correct information from us.

3) Deer Survey (BSNA & BWNA)
   a. Thermal Imaging & Spot light survey
      *It was decided that this topic would be put back on the agenda as of next meeting.
   b. Deer kill reports from HPD, Animal Control and NJF&W
      * Dona Messer presented the Township map she had plotted with the locations where deer kills occurred and the numbers reflected. It was decided that this information including the map should be included in the minutes to be posted on the Township website. *Attached It was discussed that the increase in Lyme Disease might spark Council into finally addressing the deer over population in this area. Ed Runyon shared information on subject of ticks sent to him by the NJ Outdoor Alliance.

4) Eagle Scout Projects
   *Gene Libertucci send word he had nothing new to report.

5) Echo Lake
   a. Cleanup and repair of gazebo damage.
      *No progress

6) Status of lake dredging No Information

7) Security & Uses for Open Space & Natural Areas
   *No word from Council on status of Rules & Regulations for Open Space resolution never followed through with to draft Ordinance.

8) Report of Green Team (on subjects relating to this Committee)
   *Jerry Barron reported the Environmental Commission was awarded money from the Shade Tree Commission to do new EIR

9) 2019 Budget request & Capital Expenditures

10) Non profit Open Space Group
    *Mary Ann Cernak gave explanation when asked by Jeff Bassett, how far along was the forming of this group. She stated she is modifying the name to broaden so as to include all natural resources and in the process of putting together a board. Monmouth Conservation has agreed to be a sponsor.

11) Status of alternative purchases from the $750,000 Grant for Pierce farm.
NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held on the filling of the Regular vacancy left by the passing of Don Smith. Elizabeth Naskiewicz made a motion that Council be sent a request that Kathi Novak be moved up from Alternate #1 to Regular Member as soon as possible. It was seconded by Dona Messer and approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2019 at Alfred C. Sauer Park at Echo Lake.

*Attachments

Map
Deer kill locations

2Attached Images
9/17/2019

Done Report. By Annuar # 5465

West Farms Rd. - 19
Hudson Rd. - 17
Oak Glen Rd. - 11
Georgia Towner Rd. - 7
Fort plains Rd. - 8
Leaves Mills Rd. - 6
Friendship Rd. - 6
Kent Rd. - 5
Route 33-5
Ford Rd. - 6
Yellowbrook Rd. - 4
Fancher Rd. - 5
Fire Points Rd. - 4
Lakeswood Allenwood Rd. - 4
Howell Rd. - 3
Colden Rd. - 3
Victory Rd. - 3
Windsor Rd. - 3