

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission

Agenda

August 6th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission conducts its regular business meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the municipal building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the monthly agendas are posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

STANDARD AGENDA

Topic	Intent/Materials
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	Call meeting to order and take roll call.
Presentation of Minutes	Review and approval of July Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman, Mr. Collett, Mr. Henriksen and Ms. Lawler who were not present at the July meeting.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Red Mill Race Preserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Signage b. Driveway b) Block 36, Lot 17 “Goracy Trail” (Attachment 1) c) September Date Change
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pelio Closing b) Green Acres Inspection Results (Attachment 2) c) Invasive Snail d) Spotted Lantern Fly
Newsletter	<p>Fall newsletter deadline is August 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Mill Race Preserve History (Koch) • LT Well Testing Results (Koch) <p>Backlog: Invasive Species, Christian Crossroads Dam Removal/History</p>
Correspondence	<p>Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. All correspondence when possible is scanned and stored digitally in a public access Google Drive folder at https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Acres Program Inspection Report – July 17,2018 – DEP

Attachment 1: Reports

Block 36, Lot 17 - "Goracy Trail"

As per Ms. Hardy on 05-Aug-2018, the status of the project remains the same as the landowner continues to work towards finalizing her property survey before proceeding with the LT project. She remains supportive and we will continue to follow up with her.



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July 17, 2018

Ms. Karen Sandorse, Clerk
Lebanon Township
530 West Hill Rd.
Glen Gardner, New Jersey 08826

Re: Green Acres Program

Project #: 1019-01-062-1
1019-01-062-3
1019-01-062-4
1019-01-062-7

Open Space Plan – Goracy
Open Space Plan – Nicholson
Open Space Plan – Schaff
Open Space Plan - Hendra

Dear Ms. Sandorse:

On June 13th, 2018 Green Acres inspections were completed on the above funded projects. The results of our inspections are as follows:

Open Space Plan – Goracy // Block 36, Lot 18.04

Both Green Acres and the Environmental Infrastructure Finance Program (EIFP) funded this parcel and the correct signage for both programs is posted. Vegetative and gravel debris piles were found in the parking area of the parcel. There is a trail on the property that was created as part of an Eagle Scout project, but the trailhead is now overgrown and unmarked.

Open Space Plan – Nicholson // Block 49, Lot 89.01 & 89.02

Both Green Acres and the Environmental Infrastructure Finance Program (EIFP) funded these parcels and the correct signage for both programs is posted. The use of off-road vehicles appears to be occurring on both parcels. An informal system of trails was found on Lot 89.01, a portion of which appears to originate from a residence at 971 Flintlock Place. Additionally, the same residence may be encroaching upon Lot 89.01 by storing a boat and other private property on the Green Acres encumbered land. Lot 89.02 also has evidence of extensive off-road vehicle activity. Vegetative debris and hunting equipment was found in a large clearing on the parcel.

Open Space Plan – Schaff // Block 24, Lot 2

Both Green Acres and the Environmental Infrastructure Finance Program (EIFP) funded this parcel and the correct signage for both programs is posted. The signage posted on Orchard St.,

however, would be better served being moving to the end of Sun Mountain St. where an informal trailhead exists. Additionally, a Green Acres sign should be posted alongside the EIFP sign found on Bunnvale Road / County Highway 628.

From the informal trailhead on Sun Mountain St., a trail leads into the property where at times debris piles were found along-side it. The trail terminates at a primitive, yet developed stone camping area that appears to encroach upon the property.

Open Space Plan – Hendra // Block 65, Lot 19 & 19.03

Both Green Acres and the Environmental Infrastructure Finance Program (EIFP) funded these parcels, which include a 15' public access easement running along a rock wall on the property. The signage for both programs is insufficient: an EIFP sign is currently posted on Lot 19.03 along Red Mill Road, but the sign should be posted on Lot 19. Additionally, no Green Acres signage was found.

In order to address the above compliance issues, please contact this office, in writing, by Friday, August 31st, 2018 to confirm that the following have been completed:

1. Goracy: Please have the vegetative and gravel debris removed from the parking area and have the entrance to the trail cleared and marked. I will forward a Green Acres Trail Access sign to post at the trail head.
2. Nicholsan: Please address the use of off-road vehicles on this property and take the necessary steps to stop this activity from occurring. Additionally, please determine if the residence at 971 Flintlock Place is encroaching on encumbered parkland and, if so, remedy the encroachment.
3. Schaff: Please post a Green Acres sign which I will forward alongside the existing EIFP sign on Bunnvale Road / County Highway 628. Additionally, consider moving the Green Acres and EIFP sign currently on Orchard St. to the location of the informal trailhead on Sun Mountain St. Please investigate the camping area found at the end of the trail to ensure it does encroach on encumbered parkland
4. Hendra: Please relocate the EIFP sign from Lot 19.03 to Lot 19. Additionally, I will be forwarding (2) Green Acres signs to post on each parcel and two (2) Green Acres Trail Access signs to post at each end of the public access easement. See attached map.

We appreciate the efforts you have made thus far in maintaining your facilities, for we understand the difficulties accompanying these operations. It is our continuing concern that the projects acquired and developed with Green Acres funds be operated and improved in accordance with the project agreements.

Green Acres next inspection of your parks will be in 2021. If questions arise regarding the use or stewardship of Green Acres encumbered parkland before the next inspection, please feel free to contact Kevin Appelget, Hunterdon County Steward, at (609) 777-4192. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the inspections, please do not hesitate to call me at (609) 984-0629. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Adam Page Taylor, Compliance Inspector
Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship

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Minutes

August 6th, 2018

ROLL CALL

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	No
Warren Newman	Member	X
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	X
Nancy Lawler	Member	X
Sharon Hardy	Member	No
Adam Mickley	Member	No
Kathy Koch	Alternate 1	X
Marty Collett	Alternate 2	X

MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Intent/Materials
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p>Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. In addition to the EOSC members noted above, Committeeman Laul and resident, Mike Chen, were in attendance.</p>
Presentation of Minutes	<p>Review and approval of July Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman, Mr. Collett, Mr. Henriksen and Ms. Lawler who were not present at the July meeting.</p> <p>Minutes: There was not a sufficient quorum from the July meeting attendees to approve the Minutes. Approval will be deferred until the September meeting.</p>
Old Business	<p>d) Red Mill Race Preserve</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Signage</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Driveway</p> <p>e) Block 36, Lot 17 "Goracy Trail" (Attachment 1)</p> <p>f) September Date Change</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth acknowledged that the signage and driveway for Red Mill Race Preserve still needed to be discussed. He stated he was not prepared with signage examples but asked the team what types of signs would be required.</p> <p>Two types of signs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lebanon Township Open Space Sign – a standard sign posted on all township owned open space. It was suggested to include the seal of the township and that it could be co-located on a pole with Green Acres or other

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	<p>signs. Mr. Newman stated that it could be printed or laser-etched.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Open Space Sign – Unique for each property and includes name of property, map, etc. <p>Committeeman Laul stated that he could plot large signs at work if we would like to see proofs before purchasing them. Ms. Lawler stated that we should align with National Park Signs. It was highlighted that the Red Mill Race Preserve still has a mill stone present. Mr. Henriksen stated that he would ask a local tombstone scribe, Ron, what it would take to etch the mill stone.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Pelio Closing f) Green Acres Inspection Results (Attachment 2) g) Invasive Snail h) Spotted Lantern Fly <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth acknowledged the recent closing on the Pelio properties and congratulated Mayor Schmidt (not present) and the EOSC members on a job well done. Ms. Lawler stated that the closing deserves a proper celebration and suggested the governor be invited. Mr. Duckworth said he would speak with Mayor Schmidt about a potential celebration.</p> <p>Committeeman Laul reviewed the Green Acres inspection results with the EOSC members. It was discussed that letters should be sent to neighboring property owners of Nicholson and Schaaf to build awareness of the preserved open space and alert them to appropriate uses without targeting any specific landowner. It was discussed that letters should be sent to Mr. Cutri-french and Mr. Hendra regarding the inspections results of the Hendra property. It was discussed that a response needs to be drafted to Green Acres as per their request but the August 31st deadline was flexible from the Committee’s perspective since the remediation activities could not possible be completed within this time. Mr. Duckworth took the action to draft the letters and build the plan for remediation.</p> <p>Ms. Lawler stated that there is a highly invasive snail in the Musconetcong River. She discovered it in her own samples. It is the New Zealand Mud Snail. Fishermen are being told to inspect gear so that they don’t transport it to other rivers and locations. Mr. Collett stated that he would communicate this back through Trout Unlimited channels.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth stated that a second invasive species is the Spotted Lantern Fly and referred the team to an article that Ms. Petzinger had recently shared with the team on Slack. Mr. Duckworth stated that he would post information on these invasive species to the EOSC Facebook page.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth let the team know that EOSC had been asked to participate in the Lebanon Township Fall Festival on September 29th. He stated that he would be away and asked if anyone would consider taking the lead. Ms. Lawler and Mr. Henriksen both said that they were interested but would have to get back to Mr. Duckworth.</p>

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