

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission

Agenda

October 7th, 2019

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.

AGENDA

Topic	Description
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	Call meeting to order and take roll call.
Presentation of Minutes	Review and approval of September Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman and Ms. Petzinger who were not present at the September meeting.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Lebanon Township Deer Management Program (Sub-Committee)b) LT water quality sampling plan (Sub-Committee)c) Miquin-Goracy Link (Hardy)d) LT open space boundary signage (Duckworth)e) Spotted Lantern Fly (Hardy/Petzinger)
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Requested support of Daniel Seal House acquisition (Koch, representing Historians)<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. See Attachment 1 for proposed motion text from Historians
Newsletter	Winter newsletter deadline is November 1 st . Articles on the docket include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 EOSC Year in Review (Duckworth)• 2019 Well Testing Results Summary (Koch)
Correspondence	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 . <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

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Minutes

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ROLL CALL

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

MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Description
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p>Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. There were no others present except for the EOSC Commission members noted above.</p>
Presentation of Minutes	<p>Review and approval of September Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman and Ms. Petzinger who were not present at the September meeting.</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth asked for feedback on the September Meeting Minutes or a motion to approve. A motion to approve the September EOSC Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Collett, seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) Lebanon Township Deer Management Program (Sub-Committee) g) LT water quality sampling plan (Sub-Committee) h) Miquin-Goracy Link (Hardy) i) LT open space boundary signage (Duckworth) j) Spotted Lantern Fly (Hardy/Petzinger) <p>Minutes: The Deer Management Program sub-committee or Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Chen and Ms. Lawler provided a brief update on progress. Mr. Duckworth stated that he and Mr. Chen were meeting later in the evening after EOSC to discuss next steps.</p> <p>Moving on to the water quality topic, Mr. Duckworth stated that the sub-committee of Ms. Lawler, Mr. Henriksen and himself met to discuss and plan the meeting with water quality partners. An email invitation was drafted and will be sent to partners from NJWSA, MWA, RHA and the Highlands Council to attend the November EOSC meeting. Mr. Duckworth stated that some slides will be prepared and shared before the meeting. Ms. Lawler said that she spoke to Heather Desko from NJWSA regarding the harmful algal bloom found in our Township. She said NJWSA might be asking for our help next year with activities such as planting trees around some of the water bodies on public property.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth proceeded next to the Miquin-Goracy Link and asked Ms. Hardy for an update. Ms. Hardy proudly stated that both the landowner and Township Committee have approved a contract. She passed around a newspaper article highlighting the discussion from the Township Committee meeting.</p>

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	<p>With regards to the next topic of open space boundary signage, Mr. Duckworth stated he had no update but acknowledged this was a priority for him as it is a prerequisite to launching the hunting program.</p> <p>Moving on to the Spotted Lantern Fly topic, Ms. Hardy stated that Ms. Petzinger had sent her a link to information on the Spotted Lantern Fly from the NJ Department of Agriculture and she shared that link with the resident who originally reached out with questions. She said that another resident suggested applying Roundup to the Tree of Heaven to kill it by drilling a hole in the stem and pouring the Roundup in the hole. Commission members agreed that is not a suggestion they would further communicate since it is not verified and not coming from an official source. Ms. Petzinger confirmed she wrote an article earlier this year on the Spotted Lantern Fly but would prepare an updated article and include information of on the Tree of Heaven. Ms. Petzinger said she would review the information on the Township website and work with Karen Newman to update it if necessary. She also said she would follow up with the Invasive Species Task Force. Mr. Duckworth said he would provide Karen's email to Ms. Petzinger.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>b) Requested support of Daniel Seal House acquisition (Koch, representing Historians)</p> <p>a. See Attachment 1 for proposed motion text from Historians</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth handed the floor to Ms. Koch who introduced a proposed motion (Attachment 1). She stated that the Historians Committee is interested in having the Township acquire a historic building and was seeking support from the EOSC. Mr. Collett stated that he was concerned about the commitment from the EOSC that was included in the motion. The Commission has other priorities currently and is already capacity constrained. Mr. Duckworth shared that concern and said he did not have enough information to understand whether the acquisition of the building was a good idea for the Township. Ms. Lawler said that Committees and Commissions should be supportive of each other and that if the Historians Committee has thought through the idea then we should support it.</p> <p>The question arose as to whether the property would be considered open space or not. The answer was not known at this time. It was suggested that all the text in the proposed motion after the words "...Lebanon Township history and open space recreation..." be removed so as not to establish any potential ownership, stewardship or commitment from the EOSC. The motion was made as per below by Ms. Lawler, seconded by Ms. Petzinger and unanimously approved.</p> <p><i>The Environmental and Open Space Commission wishes to express our support for the acquisition of the circa 1805 stone bankhouse and springhouse referred to as the Daniel Seal Farmhouse and currently located on the campus of Voorhees High School and adjacent to the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area. The site is historically significant as an embodiment of the history and building traditions of the earliest settlers of Lebanon Township, and thus should be protected and preserved for the benefit of the community. We support the proposal for historic preservation and management of the site for both interpretation of Lebanon Township history and open space recreation.</i></p>
<p>Newsletter</p>	<p>Winter newsletter deadline is November 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 EOSC Year in Review (Duckworth) • 2019 Well Testing Results Summary (Koch) <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth reminded the team that the deadline for articles for the winter newsletter is November 1st and that two articles are planned. In addition, and linking to the earlier conversation, Ms. Petzinger will also write an updated article on the Spotted Lantern Fly and Tree of Heaven.</p>

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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"> • None <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth closed the formal agenda portion of the meeting and proceeded around the table asking each EOSC member if they had any additional topics to discuss.</p> <p>Mr. Collett said that he was approached by a neighbor in Bunnvale who expressed some concern about trees hanging over their property from Township open space. A comment was made that if the trees are healthy then that is not necessarily a problem that needs to be addressed. Mr. Collett had suggested the neighbor send a certified letter to the Township expressing their concern and it was agreed that it was most appropriate for the Township and/or EOSC to wait until a letter was received or the resident attended a municipal meeting before considering any additional actions.</p> <p>Ms. Petzinger provided an FYI that the NJ State Forest Action Plan was being updated and that the final plan is due in June 2020. EOSC will have an opportunity to review the plan before then and provide comments. She also said that the Highlands Council recently approved a company to create an interactive Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) and that it would be a good resource for us when it becomes available.</p> <p>Mr. Henriksen shared that Alan Hunt is shifting to a new position within MWA, Director of Policy and Grants, and that a job search is being initiated for a new Executive Director.</p> <p>Ms. Petzinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm; it was seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.</p>

Attachment 1

Proposed text from Historians Committee for EOOSC motion to support Daniel Seal House acquisition

To the Lebanon Township Committee,

The Environmental and Open Space Commission wishes to express our support for the acquisition of the circa 1805 stone bankhouse and springhouse referred to as the Daniel Seal Farmhouse and currently located on the campus of Voorhees High School and adjacent to the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area. The site is historically significant as an embodiment of the history and building traditions of the earliest settlers of Lebanon Township, and thus should be protected and preserved for the benefit of the community. We support the proposal for historic preservation and management of the site for both interpretation of Lebanon Township history and open space recreation under the stewardship of the Lebanon Township Historians Committee and the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Committee. The EOOSC would like to contribute time and skill to the clearing of walking paths and erection of signage for this property within the limits of the property boundaries.