

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, NJ** 

### Lindenwold Borough Environmental Commission

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## Mission Statement

The Lindenwold Environmental Commission (LEC) was established to promote the public interest in natural resource protection, sustainable development, and reclamation and to support the environmental commission and open space committee through work with citizens and other non-profit organizations. Some of the powers and duties of the LEC are to: gather information; offer advice to other agencies; provide recommendations to the Joint Land Use Board and/or Mayor and Council members on the development and use of land within the municipality. The LEC members are dedicated to addressing the environmental concerns of the Borough and to protect the environment for future generations.

# Credit Summary and Members

In 2018, the LEC worked to promote the Second Five Year Community Forestry Plan, research and provide communication regarding available grants to promote stewardship within the community, assist with improvements to open spaces, participate in community events, and assess provision to include sustainable efforts to improve the well-being of Borough citizens and the environment

The LEC reorganized on January 9, 2018. LEC meetings are appropriately noticed with meeting agenda and minutes posted to the Borough's at <a href="https://www.lindenwoldnj.gov/node/133/agenda">https://www.lindenwoldnj.gov/node/133/agenda</a>. Public are welcome to attend meeting and provide comments to the LEC. Commission members included Jeanette Krug, Councilman Joe DiDomenico, Beth Suckiel, Al Tine, John Kennedy, Nancy Lutz, Councilwoman Linda Hess, and Les Engels. Engineer – Douglas White, PE, PP, CFP, T&M Associates.

# Actions and Meeting Highlights

January 2018 - Annual reorganization; preparation of Annual Community Forestry Report;

March 2018 – Submission of Annual Community Forestry Report; research/inquire about Sustainable NJ Stewardship Grant;

# Schedule and Location

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Each Month 6:00 pm Borough Hall 15 North White Horse Pike Lindenwold, NJ

### 2018 Meetings

01-09-2018 03-13-2018 04-10-2018 06-12-2018 07-10-2018 08-14-2018

09-11-2018 10-09-2018 12-18-2018

### **Actions and Meeting Highlights (Continued)**

April 2018 – Community Forestry Management Plan considerations to plant trees in various areas of the Borough, determine areas in need of plantings; begin planning National Night Out with green exhibits;

June 2018 – Welcomed new member (L.Engles) to LEC; reiterated some of the April 2018 meeting details;

July 2018 – Reviewed Sustainable NJ process for applicability and to solicit interest; review possibility of park improvement (handicap accessibility) to benefit community;

August 2018 – pursued creation of a Green Team to participate in Sustainable NJ program; reviewed applicable grants available; members participated to attend meetings/workshops for CEU credits associated with Community Forestry Management Plan report on LEC contributions to National Night Out;

September 2018 – No actions;

October 2018 – Develop Green Team; consideration/discussion of need for dog park within the community and to participate in Sustainable NJ program;

December 2018 – Considered/performed same actions as those at October 2018 meeting.

# **Goals/Considerations for 2019**

- Complete Annual Community Forestry Management Plan and Reporting;
- Consider/apply for Sustainable NJ Program;
- Prepare for/attend public outreach functions;
- Review grant options to benefit community.

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