

Raritan Township Environmental Commission

August 2, 2016 Minutes

Present: Amy, Ray, Rob, Kathy, Lori, Michelle, Jayne

Excused: Harry, Mike

- New Member Introduction – Lori Kugler
- Public Comment
 - Barbara Sachau re deer management – comment in opposition to Township proposal to allow deer hunting on selected properties. Issue of safety and need for management.
- Green Team – no update
- Open Space – no update
- Treasurer – Rob will take over as treasurer
- Community Forest – Big Tree Contest
 - 14 entries, Amy and Michelle compiling into spreadsheet. Ray, Amy and Rob will measure and take pictures. Michelle will do a certificate, Jayne and Ray working on obtaining prizes. Award them at Community Day.
- Planning Board/Board of Adjustment – no update
- Correspondence
- Old Business
 - Community Day – Kathy will create an event on Facebook. Ray will be there, Michelle will help set up
 - 4H Fair – Ray will send schedule around for table, in conjunction with East Amwell.
 - Rain Garden Cleanup
 - Deer Management Plan – moving forward. Met with fish and Wildlife. Working to identify good parcels that have access and no significant trails. Auction for hunt clubs for larger parcels and lottery for smaller lots. Have to take three does, bow and arrow only. Township has 200 deer/square mile, optimal is 12. Amy will see if we can put Jay Kelly's presentation on our web page
 - Facebook page – should add Lori as an administrator, she has social media experience.
- New Business
 - Well Testing – heard from Mara Tippet, Ray will work with her. Selected 10/18 and 10/20 for return of kits.