

**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
1740 MAIN STREET
LAKE COMO, NJ 07719**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. SUNSHINE LAW

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF R.S. 10:4-18 OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY THE PUBLICATION OF THE REQUIRED ADVERTISEMENT IN THE COAST STAR ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024, AND BY POSTING IT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN BOROUGH HALL. A COPY OF THE SAID NOTICE HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOROUGH CLERK. NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR BOROUGH WEBSITE. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

****FLAG SALUTE****

III. ROLL CALL

**IV. APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE
COLLEEN GREBERIS, FORMER ALT. NO. 1**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. PRESENTATION ON FINISHED DESIGN OF PARKWAY MEDIAN
BY JENNIFER SEGUNDO RAMIREZ, WHSAD STUDENT** DH/JG
- 2. WHSAD VISIT TO LAKE COMO ON MARCH 9, 2024** DH/PV/JB/JG
- 3. DISCUSSION ON NATIVE PLANTS EVENT~SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH** DH
- 4. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WEBSITE** DH/VG
- 5. 2024 LAKE CLEAN UP AND OTHER PLANNED EVENTS** DH/VG

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. TREE BUYING PROGRAM~FALL 2024** DH
- 2. NEW IDEAS/PLANS** ALL

VII. UPDATES ON ONGOING/PREVIOUS PROJECTS

- 1. COUNCIL LIAISON AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIAISON UPDATES** PV/AR
- 2. TREE FUND REPORT** VG
- 3. CLONet** JB
- 4. MAIN STREET ARBORETUM** PV/JG
- 5. BEHRMAN PARK AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PROJECTS** DH/PV
- 6. JON GIBBONS REPORT~PATCHWORK FOR WILDLIFE** JB

VIII. FUTURE TOPICS

- 1. PRESENTATION ON RECYCLING REGULATIONS/COMPOSTING** DH/VG
- 2. MAINTENANCE OF BUTTERFLY GARDEN~VOLUNTEERS** DH

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- IX. NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)
PRESENTATION ON PARKWAY MEDIAN DESIGN BY VICTORIA ARZANO
(TIME PERMITTING)**
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- XI. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**
- XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE COMO ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 6:30 PM. ALL
MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

COLLEEN GREBEIS

THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

On this 21ST day of March, 2024, The Environmental Commission of the Borough of Lake Como would like to thank you for volunteering your time to our community while serving on the Environmental Commission and for helping to ensure a better quality of life for the residents of Lake Como. You will always be remembered for instituting QR Codes for the valuable information distributed by The Commission.

No one can give a community a richer gift than a generous part of a precious lifetime. Please except our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for good health, prosperity and much happiness in life.

Deborah Hilliard, Chairperson

Lake Como Environmental Commission Sponsored Presentation: **Native Plants that Thrive in NJ**

Description: Planning a landscape to include native plants is not only striking but adds diversity to your landscape that provides both color and beneficial wildlife habitat. Birds and butterflies will enjoy visiting your yard. Native plants are hardy and adapt well in their proper environment. Learn which native shrubs and perennial species you can easily integrate into your gardens.

Date and Time: Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:00 am

Location: Lake Como Borough Hall, 1740 Main St, Lake Como

Length of Talk: 90 minutes



Speaker: Irene Wanat, 732-963-5420, coolshademg@aol.com

Speaker Bio: Irene Wanat is a former French teacher with over 38 years of extensive gardening experience and knowledge. She has been a dedicated Rutgers Master Gardener in Monmouth County since 1999 and in Ocean County since 1989. Irene continues to be an active member of the Speakers Bureau in both counties since becoming a certified master gardener. She is also a gardening educator in the Monmouth County Park System since 2000. Besides working in garden centers through all these years, Irene keeps up-to-date absorbing herself in vast amounts of reading and attending many gardening conferences and symposiums. She has considerable hands-on experience choosing new and traditional plants for sale from quality nurseries for both counties' Master Gardener plant sales. Irene takes great pleasure in having all these fun opportunities to share her love of gardening with others.