

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 28, 2011
7:00 PM

Meeting began at 6:54 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park P and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call: Ed Covitz Tom Leaming
 Lorraine Flohr Don Lippincott
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Members absent: Bob Knowles, Ken Bynoe, Jack Henderson

Committeewoman Wetter was also in attendance.

Chairman Lippincott welcomed Polia Galie to the Commission.

The correspondence was listed and reviewed. Chairman Lippincott addressed that we had sent an email to Mr. Spodafora of Stafford's Environmental Commission regarding fertilizer and nitrates. Mr. Spodafora feels we are moving in the right direction. Chairman Lippincott suggested finding out when Stafford holds their meetings and go to the meeting. Secretary will find out when they meet.

Matching grant from ANJEC was forwarded over to Committeewoman Wetter.

Chairman Lippincott asked for a motion to take action on the minutes of the Reorganization and Regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2011. Mr. Covitz made the motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Flohr seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye).

14th Annual Environmental Educators Roundtable will be held at the Lighthouse Center on April 27, 2011. Secretary will make sure all information is distributed to the Commission as several members like to attend this each year.

Founder's Day - Mr. Henderson followed up with OceanGro to ask them again if they would like to participate. No follow-up has been received so far. Secretary will follow-up. Founder's Day Committee inquired through the secretary of adopting a flower or bush that could be adopted and sold at by someone at Founder's Day. The Commission discussed this and tabled such a discussion for April.

Arbor Day – Tree seedlings have been ordered. Arbor Day is celebrated in conjunction with the Priff School each year. Arbor Day is April 29th. Trees will hopefully arrive by Earth Day so they can be delivered to the school so they can use them for that event also.

Guest Speaker Matt Ambrosio attended and spoke to the Commission regarding the brush/leave pile at the lake. This location is used because there is no where else to put the location at this point. The area needs to be accessible to the public. Brush is not supposed to be dumped at this location. This is considered a transfer location. The leaves are there for a short time and then the DPW transports them down to the county. The “no brush” sign has been taken down and destroyed. The township picks up brush at the curb. The dumpster at the lake gets emptied on Fridays. The only way to control the dumping would be to monitor the area 24 hours a day. The landfill cannot be used as it is a sensitive area in the Pinelands. Could we remind the community that we have a brush pick-up. Replace the “no brush” sign and put up a sign that says “for brush pick-up call...” was suggested. Committeewoman Wetter will speak with Administrator Breeden. Three part-time individuals assisted in leaf pick up this year and the leaves were picked up before Christmas. The DPW has nothing to do with Greenbriar. They are self-sustaining. The only thing the DPW does in Greenbriar is pick up metal and Christmas trees.

Mr. Rott, 179 Wells Mills Road joined the conversation during Public Comment. Mr. Rott has been after the township for awhile to take care of this area. Mr. Rott has seen contractors dumping there. There are also dead trees in this area because of the dumping area. All information could be put on the website. They could take to the county or put at the curb. Committeewoman Wetter thought Matt could sit in on a meeting with her and the Administrator. Fences have been knocked down in the past where the brush is dumped. The goal is to eliminate the brush pile all together.

The Commission suggested getting groups such as the Boy Scouts to have formal clean-up days of this area to help keep this area nicer.

Flyers could be issued at Founder’s Day and Clean-Up Day helping to make the public aware that brush can be put at the curb and a phone call made and picked up. They could go out with tax bills or water bills.

Matt Ambrosio updated the Commission on the No Net Loss Grant Tree Program and the fish for the lake. Mr. Ambrosio has secured more paint bins for Clean-Up Day.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Covitz, seconded by Mr. Leaming. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O’Connor
Secretary