

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2011
7:00 PM

Meeting began at 6:56 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 Press and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call: Ed Covitz Tom Leaming Pola Galie
 Heide Geary Don Lippincott
 Bob Knowles Ken Bynoe

Members absent: Lorraine Flohr, Jack Henderson

Committeewoman Wetter was also in attendance.

Chairman asked to take action on the minutes of February 28th, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Covitz, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).

The correspondence was listed and reviewed. Clean-up at Wells Mills Park flyer was passed around. OceanGro needs to know the quantity of the bags and literature we would need for Founders' Day. Stafford Township runs a poster, essay and poem contest for their Arbor Day. This is a possibility to discuss for our Arbor Day next year. Secretary will put on our agenda for January 2012. Arbor Day is April 29th at 9:05 AM at the Priff School. Pinelands Preservation Alliance workshop was discussed. Disclosure form needs to be filled out and turned into the clerk by April 15, 2011. Round Table at the Lighthouse Center on April 27th, 2011. Stafford's Environmental Commission meeting is June 6th and a delegation will plan on attending. Secretary will advise the Stafford EC that we are going to attend.

Mr. Covitz spoke about agencies and why they are not checking the feeders to the bay. The northern part of the bay is the most polluted. He would like to know if the nitrates are being checked in the tributaries that feed the bay. The DEP could be contacted. Secretary will draft a letter for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day was discussed. The poster, poem, essay contest is a good idea for next year. Secretary will place on the agenda for next January so that there is time to discuss how/if the Commission would like to handle.

Nitrate discussion briefly took place. The commission plans to attend the Stafford June 6th meeting at 7:30.

Founder's Day – We will request 250 samples to provide as hand-outs and also the information to give out. Oceangro will also provide a banner. Secretary will try to locate the EC banner in

the attic. Clean-Up Weekend flyers will be distributed and a flyer regarding the pick up for metal and brush. Our booth will again focus on educating the residents on the harmful effects on fertilizer and the services of the township for clean-up.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed Oyster Creek. The Japan design is the same as the Oyster Creek. It would be beneficial to invite the public liaison for the power plant down to speak. Secretary will look into by first obtaining permission from the Township Committee to contact someone and then contact the liaison to see if they would like to come and speak at a future meeting.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance – Secretary will let the Mayor know that the Commission feels this is a great idea and would encourage a workshop meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Rott, 179 Wells Mills Road commented on the power plant discussion. He then spoke regarding the debris being left at the lake. The dumpster is currently full. There are two red gas cans behind the dumpster and he remains concerned about run-off to the lake. Mr. Rott has seen some progress with the Township cleaning up the leaves and the brush.

Mr. Leaming suggested that we remove the dumpster all together. It is an opportunity for abuse. The purpose of the dumpster is to place the plastic bags after residents empty their leaves. A small drum-like container could be placed there instead with a small hole where you can push the plastic bags through. It would be worth a try, it could always be brought back if people continue to dump garbage there. Committeewoman Wetter commented that the day after the last meeting in February, she met with the Administrator and Mr. Ambrosio and within a few days they began the clean-up with help from Barnegat DPW. Committeewoman Wetter will ask if the dumpster can be eliminated on a trial basis to see if this eliminates the dumping problem.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Galie and seconded by Mr. Leaming. All in favor: (aye). Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor
Secretary