

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2011
7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:00 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 Lorraine Flohr
 Don Lippincott Ken Bynoe
 Bob Knowles Pola Galie

Members absent: Heide Geary, Tom Leaming, Jack Henderson

Committeewoman Wetter was also in attendance.

Chairman asked to take action on the minutes of April 4, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Covitz, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence list was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day – Tina Wetter and secretary were in attendance. Next year the commission will discuss possibly a poem or essay contest.

Founder's Day – Ocean Gro will be provided. Mr. Knowles, Chairman Lippincott will be in attendance. Mr. Henderson will be there covering for the Lighthouse Center's booth, Mr. Covitz will be there. To be given out at the table: Clean-Up Flyers, "Did you Know"... flyers regarding trash/brush pick-up. Ms. Galie will look into any give aways she may have over at the Lighthouse Center. Fertilizer information could be reproduced. Chairman Lippincott will go through the Round-Table information to see if there is anything applicable to use.

Clean-Up Day - May 23rd is the next meeting which is important as it is right before Founder's Day and the last meeting prior to Clean-Up Day. Mr. Ambrosio will be invited to speak at the next meeting. Secretary has the tent and will look for the banner. T-shirts will also be ordered. Mr. Ambrosio usually provides gloves. Details will be fine tuned at the next meeting.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance – A meeting could be set up for June. Secretary has contacted the Mayor and is waiting to hear back from him regarding a meeting. Mrs. Wetter will check into this further.

Round-Table – Chairman felt the afternoon was excellent with interesting and informative presentations. Ms. Galie spoke regarding the day. Classes were in 2 hour sessions. 65 registered this year. A power point presentation was given to Chairman regarding estuaries from

the Cattus Island. Chris Claus from Cattus Island Park may be available to come down and do a presentation for the schools.

Mr. Covitz has reached out to Mr. Spodafora regarding Phosphates. National Geographic Service may have information on this. Mr. Covitz will look into contacting this agency as well.

Chairman Lippincott passed around an article for the commission to look over.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Knowles brought up that the Barnegat Shade Tree Commission has installed 4x4 pictured signs of information of trees on their portion of the Rail Trail. Mr. Knowles suggested that the members look at what Barnegat has done by the next meeting to see if we would be interested in installing something similar. Mr. Knowles will contact the Barnegat Shade Tree Commission to see how they accomplished this. Bird houses were a suggestion and this could possibility tie into the schools as a project. Mr. Covitz suggested tree labeling, however theft may be a problem. Mr. Knowles and Mr. Bynoe updated the commission on the rail trail Phase IV.

Motion was made to open to the public by Mr. Covitz, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).

Mrs. Valerie Tate, 32 Clearwater Drive introduced herself as she has her name in the Republican primary.

Chairman Lippincott closed the meeting to the public.

Ms. Galie brought greetings from Pat McCarty.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bynoe, seconded by Mr. Covitz. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor
Secretary