

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
August 29, 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	Jack Henderson	Pola Galie
	Lorraine Flohr	Don Lippincott	
	Heide Geary	Ken Bynoe	

Members absent: Bob Knowles, Tom Leaming

Chairman asked to take action on the minutes of June 27, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Ms. Galie, seconded by Mr. Henderson. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence can be viewed in the board office. Secretary noted to the Commission that they had received a copy of the World Hydrogen Energy memo as requested by the Mayor. Chairman Lippincott asked that the Commission review for comment at the next meeting.

Thank you letters were distributed to all the agencies from Clean-Up Day. The Commission asked for a letter to also be sent to Laurie Clune.

Chairman Lippincott suggested a different venue for Founder's Day next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Rail Trail** – Mr. Knowles has ideas on signage and has accumulated paperwork after speaking with Barnegat. Mr. Knowles would like to incorporate stretching stations if possible, but secretary suggested after speaking with Mr. Knowles that perhaps this should be put on hold until the upper portion of the Rail Trail has been completed in the township. The Commission discussed the Rail Trail extension and decided they would like someone from the County to come and speak on the trail if possible. Secretary will look into further.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Clean-Up Walk** – The annual clean-up walk will be held October 10, 2011. Secretary will see if DPW can supply garbage bags. The commission will meet at 8:00 AM. Mr. Henderson will contact Bob Vossler via email to see if we can get him to take a photo or write an article.

Pola Galie stated that the dock at the Lighthouse center was lost in the hurricane. The DEP held a press event at the center several weeks back. A meeting will be held mid-winter regarding the

water quality. There is a DEP think tank (by invitation only) which will be held on October 3, 2011 at the Center. The tributaries are being tested that flow into the bay. Ms. Galie will find out what the DEP is testing for as Mr. Covitz asked if it was for phosphorus or nitrogen. There is a mobile lab that travels that takes the water samples. Mr. Covitz expressed disappointment that the Environmental Commission was not notified of the meeting. The DEP had organized event. Ms. Galie reinforced that it was not a meeting, it was a press event. Ms. Galie will send the write-ups through the secretary. The results of the data will be coming in several months. Ms. Galie will make certain that the Environmental Commission is included on the invitation list for that meeting when it is to be held. A public forum/roundtable could be organized at the Lighthouse and sponsored by the Environmental Commission possibly towards the spring. All Environmental Commissions that border Barnegat Bay could be invited. This could be something that the Barnegat Bay Partnership would probably like to be involved in. Ms. Galie will reach out to BBP to see if they would like to get involved with a project such as this. If they are interested, the next step would be to get approval from the Township Committee.

Mr. Bynoe offered his resignation since he has recently purchased a home in Florida and will spending several months a year there. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Mr. Bynoe will remain on the Commission for now.

Mr. Covitz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth O'Connor  
Secretary