

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

October 24, 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                      Pola Galie  
                    Jack Henderson  
                    Bob Knowles

Members Absent: Lorraine Flohr, Heide Geary, Tom Leaming, Don Lippincott, Ken Bynoe

Committeewoman Wetter was present.

Chairman asked to take action on the minutes October 3, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence can be viewed in the board office.

**Clean Up Walk 10/10/11 Recap** – Mr. Henderson recapped the clean-up walk. Present for the walk was Mr. Henderson, Chairman Lippincott and Beth O'Connor. 3 bags of trash were collected. The commission was happy that the trail seems to be cleaner with each year. Informational signs were noted as well.

**Waterways Committee** – Committeewoman Wetter had spoken to Tom Leaming regarding this committee. Mr. Knowles spoke about this committee and how important it would be to revive this committee. Mr. Knowles suggested that Jim Orris get involved as he worked with the committee before. The dredging is not paid for by the Township, only the permit and the township provided the trucks and moved the fill (in the past). Committeewoman Wetter will speak to the Mayor. It was an informal committee.

**Roundtable Update** – Ms. Galie is waiting to hear who her contact will be at ANJEC and Dr. Hale of Barnegat Bay partners. Ms. Galie has spoken to many people who are excited about this concept and want to see it happen. The Mayor association may want to be involved also under suggestion of Dr. Hale. Spring/Early summer would be the target date at this point.

Ms. Galie spoke about the Shade Tree Commission workshop that she attended and also the workshop that had just happened at the Lighthouse Center and she suggested someone from the commission attend next time. Ms. Galie made some contacts at the Shade Tree Conference and had spoken to them about the roundtable as well.

Mr. Covitz spoke about a study done funded by the US Department of Defense found that copper surfaces in rooms in intensive care units reduced the amount of bacteria in the rooms by 97%. This reduced the rate of hospital acquired infections by 41%.

Mr. Henderson spoke about Bounty on the Bay which was held at the Lighthouse Center. It was a very successful event. Earth-Watch has also visited recently.

A motion was made by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth O'Connor  
Secretary