

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2013

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.

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| Roll Call: | Ed Covitz | Don Lippincott |
| | Lorraine Flohr | Tom Leaming |
| | Heide Geary | Pola Galie |

A motion was made by Mr. Leaming, seconded by Mr. Covitz to approve the March 4, 2013 minutes. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence was reviewed by the secretary. The memo was finalized for the Bamboo/Invasive Species ordinance and forwarded on to the Township Committee for their review. Our newest member has been contacted. She is currently in Florida and is very excited to become part of our commission once she returns. The beam plum trees were sold out. We will have to order earlier next year – November or December. Pola will look into wholesale plants or other Beach Plums.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Lippincott will do the welcome introduction again for the Consortium. Ms. Galie has reached out for someone to give a talk on invasive species. Arrival time around 2:00 PM would be helpful for the Commission members. Ms. Galie is happy with the way the event is coming together. The theme running for this year seems to be “The New Normal” for our area. We have \$300 from Island Heights and others so we can obtain lanyards and refreshments.

Mike Long, Beekeeper, has been confirmed for Founder’s Day. The discussion of where the table should be took place and confirmed that the Commission would like to have the table by the other township tables – by Fire Department and First Aid. Secretary will pass along the message to the Founder’s Day Committee. Lighthouse Center would like to be next door so he can help with both tables.

A formal memo should be sent to the Township Committee and the Administrator and the Clerk inviting them to attend. Secretary will take care of.

Ms. Galie will check into getting a banner for our use at Founder’s Day and Clean-Up Day.

The next meeting is April 29th, two days before the Consortium.

NEW BUSINESS

The Secretary will get in touch with Matt Ambrosio to see if he can attend to report on Clean-Up Day at their next meeting.

Chairman Lippincott spoke about the seals in Oyster Creek by the bay that have been there for about 3 weeks.

Mr. Leaming spoke about the sonar of the channels from Tuckerton to Manasquan Inlet. There were 3 agencies working on this. They have found very little debris in the water. Mr. Leaming is participating in a video for the bay. The sonar is also picking up any shoaling in the water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adrienne Socha approached and spoke regarding Lacey's amending the invasive species ordinance. The commission spoke briefly regarding bamboo.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth O'Connor
Secretary