

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
GREEN TEAM ADVISORY
Re-Org & Regular Meeting
February 4th 2019
6:00 PM
Meeting began at 6:00 PM.**

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy Notice of Meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call:	Donald Lippincott, Jr.	X
	Thomas Leaming	X
	Lorraine Flohr	X
	Heide Geary	Absent
	Patricia L. Mosier	X
	Mary Anne Sadecki	X
	Robert Sadecki	X
	Diane B. Ambrosio (G.T)	X
	Jack Henderson Alt. #1	Absent
	Bob Knowles Alt. #2	X

Re-Org -2018

Meeting was called to order.

Nominations for Chairman. Bob Knowles nominated Don Lippincott for chairman. No other nominations were made. (ayes) Knowles, Leaming, Flohr, Mosier, M. Sadecki, R. Sadecki, (abstain) Lippincott

Meeting was turned over to the chairman.

Nomination for Vice Chairman. Bob Knowles nominated Thomas Leaming. No other nominations were made. (ayes) Knowles, Flohr, Mosier, M. Sadecki, R. Sadecki Lippincott (abstain) Leaming

Nominations for meeting dates. Knowles made a motion, Leaming seconded the motion Roll Call (ayes) Knowles, Leaming, Flohr, Mosier, M. Sadecki, R. Sadecki, and Lippincott

Nominations for official papers. – Not needed official papers chosen by Township Committee

Motion to Adjourn. All in favor (ayes)

Regular Meeting of February 4th 2018 called to order.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5th 2018 meeting.

Knowles made a motion to accept the minutes, M. Sadecki seconded the motion. All in favor (ayes).

NEW BUSINESS

No business on the agenda

Diane Ambrosio introduced herself to the commission, as the Townships Administrator & RMC for the Township of Ocean, and former Environmental Commission Secretary. Mrs. Ambrosio explained to the commission that we are a silver tier with the Sustainable Jersey program, and our township is up for re-certification.

Mrs. Ambrosio explained that our Town has also received a federal grant CPAW for community planning against wildfires. Our Township was the only township on the east coast to receive this grant. Bill Edwards who is a retired firefighter on the State Forestry Service, was instrumental on this project. She explained the program provided ways to keep our community safe from wildfires, and this ties into our Sustainable Jersey certification as we are awarded points for being a fire wise community. Mrs. Ambrosio stated the Wildfire Safety Council should be introduced at the next township meeting.

Mrs. Ambrosio explained the CPAW has a compressive wildfire plan, and we were able to provide them with the different agencies which overlay some of their zones such as Pinelands, DEP, UCC and local township ordinances.

Mrs. Ambrosio explained that she would like the EC to review the re-certification packets and provide their input and how to proceed with certain aspects of the re-certification process to ensure all of them were met.

Mr. Knowles inquired on whether or not the Waretown Fire Company was able to receive any grants from the CPAW program, to her knowledge they were not.

Mrs. Ambrosio explained that in the beginning 13 townships were in the program making it easier to apply for grants, and at this point many townships as well as schools are now in the program making it harder to receive the grants.

Mr. Knowles inquired on Brookville being part of the Fire wise Community. Mrs. Ambrosio explained now that Greenbrier was rated a Fire wise Community they were moving on and going to incorporate Brookville into that.

Mrs. Sadecki suggested having seminars at the library and schools to educate our residents on ways to become a more fire safe community.

Mrs. Ambrosio explained that Sustainable Jersey is becoming more known to the public and the public is now able to search to see if their township participates in the program and what status they were.

Mrs. Ambrosio provided an update on the dredging and living shoreline project. At this time we are losing our street ends to the bay. We are proposing to place our dredging material at the ends of the bay since it is like for like material, however there is no mechanism for the DEP to approve at the moment. Another option is to purchase the concrete blocks to place into the bay. The concrete blocks act as a coral reef, while slowing the wave activity from destroying the shoreline. She explained most of the areas have been mapped by the DEP and they are currently working together to provide a plan for the shoreline. The Township has also offered to be in any pilot programs for the living shoreline the DEP might have.

Discussion took place on bulk heading and natural barriers within the township. It was noted the cost to dredge through the state is based on prevailing wage, making it difficult to obtain funding. Permitting was also a difficult process with the DEP.

Updates were provided on Oyster Creek. They were looking to bring in wind power to the location since it is already connected to the power grid. Some of the options for them were to bring in were coming up Bay Parkway or Oyster creek for access to the plant. The project is currently before the DPU and has not been approved.

Update was provided on the project on the end of Bryant. The Township has purchased the property, and the goal is to bring it back into compliance with the DEP regulations and turn it into a recreational park where kayaks could be rented, with food trucks and picnic tables for the public to enjoy.

Mrs. Ambrosio noted Chase bank was planning to move into the former Ocean First, and Best Buy Liquor was on their way to rebuilding. The detour was also scheduled to be removed, weather permitting. Tradewinds were also moving along on their project.

Mrs. Sadecki noted she appreciated all the online updates the town provided.

Discussion took place on clean-up day. It was noted it was a great opportunity for our residents to clean up their property, and is continuing to grow each year.

Mr. Lippincott thanks Mrs. Ambrosio for taking the time speak to the commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Thomas Leaming. All in favor: Aye. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephine Capaccio, Board Secretary