

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

OCTOBER 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Nardone. He announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Ken McGill, Pat Smith, Walt Birbeck, Jim D'Ambrosio, Amy Wright, John Nardone and Julie Gandy. Also Mayor Moore was in attendance.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2015 by Ken seconded by Pat. Minutes approved. Jim D'Ambrosio abstained.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of May 12, 2015 by Ken seconded by Jim. Minutes approved. Walt and Julie abstained.

Chairman Nardone requested we amend the agenda to hear from the NJ Watershed Ambassador, Tiara Campbell.

Ms. Campbell reported her role is to educate the public about water pollution from storm drains. There are 45 drains in Port Norris from the end of Main Street to Strawberry Road. She said stamps or stencils would be placed on the drains indicated that the water drains into the River. Ken asked if they drain into waterways or dry wells. Ms. Campbell answered that most drain into ditches alongside the roadways. Mayor Moore said new drains were recently installed in Laurel Lakes and should have the decals factory installed.

Ms. Campbell requested the Commissions assistance to find volunteers, for example, kids, scouts, firemen, and pick a date by November 21st. She hopes to have all arrangements completed November 10th. Jim will prepare plan showing all drains in Laurel Lake.

The Commission thanked her for her presentation and agreed to assist.

OLD BUSINESS

ANJEC: Julie had no report.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported that the website still shows Donna Moore as the contact person. She asked if John could help her change the website. He agreed.

There are several seminars this month: October 14th from 1-2pm a webinar for developers; October 24th from 11am -2pm Food Day in Cherry Hill; October 30th webinar on Soil Health.

Plastic Bag Recycling: Pat reported she sent a report to ANJEC for an article about our plastic bag program which will be in the ANJEC Report soon. Also the labels on top of the barrels are fading. She asked if John could take a photo of one and she will send it to Tony Riveria for

replacements. He said he will take all the bags we can give him. Also she has contact names in Downe and Maurice River townships to see if they are interested in starting their own program. She asked Mayor Moore if we could place a barrel at the new community center in Laurel Lakes when it is completed. He said yes.

Status of Signs at Lake Audrey: John reported the State representative said all the signs are installed. They did an excellent job. However, the Satellite photo that John recently gave them is not installed. John will call tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Moore reported that the township has \$90,000 for large recycling containers. However, the township will need a bond ordinance to get the rest of the money which will cost \$2500 to issue. One small step would be to use funds from Clean Communities. He said Laurel Lakes has the least recycling participation. This month the Township Committee will discuss placing 50 large containers in several areas as a pilot program.

Mayor Moore also reported the Township Committee recently received a \$3,000 matching grant that will go toward hiring a Forester to identify trees and do an inventory. There is a Shade Tree Convention this month if anyone could attend. He also requested we assist in interviewing applicants for the Foresters position that would start the end of 2016. John said we would do what we could. Mayor Moore left the meeting at this time.

ANJEC Grant Status: John reported that the grant requires a match of 80 hours. We have \$300 left in the grant that will be used for the Narrative sign. This sign should be placed adjacent to the Satellite sign. Once the project is complete we will have a photo op.

Ken reported the LUB has an application for completeness from Unimin for Phase 7 & 8 to be heard this month. The Commission requested he ask for an increase in reclamation acreage.

Jim reported the Quail Project is in Phase II: marking then clearing in November. Then seeding will take place in March 2016.

CORRESPONDANCE: Mosquito report received. Walt will review for next meeting.

Public Comment: Motion by Walt seconded by Pat to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion approved. Seeing no one Walt made motion to close the public portion seconded by Ken. Motion approved.

Motion by Ken seconded by Pat to adjourn. Motion approved at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Gandy".

Julie Gandy, Secretary

Minutes of March 10 and May 12 approved on October 13, 2015. There were no meetings in April, June, July, August or September

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members